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INTRODUCTION

In commemorating the first one hundred years of the Polk County Medical Society, organized at Fort Des Moines, October 24, 1851, it seems fitting to record a chronicle of medical events and the historical development of the practice of medicine in this community since the first white settlement of Polk County, Iowa, on October 11, 1845.

This historical review as closely related to the first century of the organized Polk County Medical Society is divided as follows: Introduction; I. Historical and early medical pioneers; II. The first twenty-five years, 1851-1876; III. The second twenty-five years, 1876-1901; IV. The last fifty years, 1901-1951.

In Parts I and II the historical events incident to the early settlement of this country and the first quarter century of organized medical society bring out in bold relief the role of the medical pioneer in shaping the destinies of this community.

Those were still the days of "saddle bags" and the "horse and buggy" of medical practice. In these early years the roads were often impassable and streams frequently had to be forded; the only means of transportation with the east was the stage coach and steamboat. When the State Capitol was located at Des Moines in 1857, there was not a mile of railroad in Iowa. The first railroad train did not come to Des

Moines from Keokuk before 1866, and from Davenport one year later; and the first horsedrawn street car appeared on Court Avenue and Capitol Hill east in January, 1868.

The telephone and electric light had not come into general use, drugs and medical facilities were limited, the bacterial origin of disease had not yet been recognized and antiseptic surgery was unknown.

It was significant of the progressive spirit of these frontier physicians that prompted the organization of the Polk County Medical Society at Fort Des Moines, October 24, 1851; the first county medical society organized in the state, and only one year after that of the Iowa State Medical Society at Burlington.

This period included the Civil War years of 1861-1865 when 60 per cent of the adult population of Polk County enlisted in the Union Army, and most of the practicing physicians during those years were engaged in some form of military service.

The second twenty-five years which followed the centennial of American independence, were marked by increasing interest in medical society organization. There was a keener appreciation of the microbic origin of wound infection and of contagious diseases, with the gradual introduction of aseptic and antiseptic methods in the treatment of surgical diseases. Antidiphtheritic serum became the accepted and life-saving remedy in the disease,

diphtheria. The pathological laboratory was recognized as an important adjunct in clinical diagnosis and towards the latter part of this period the roentgen ray was introduced as a further valuable diagnostic aid.

Through the establishment of several medical schools and one large hospital, the facilities for advanced medical training and hospital service were made available for the first time to the people of this community.

This period saw the transition from the horse and buggy to the doctor's coupe or carriage drawn by a team of thoroughbreds, often with a liveried coachman in the driver's seat, several of the leading physicians vying with each other in the elegance of their equipages. It was likewise the day of the silk hat and Prince Albert coat, to which on Sundays and special days was added a gold-headed cane.

Just before the turn of the century the early type of automobile began to be driven by a few doctors on the streets of Des Moines.

With the advent of the Spanish-American War, 1898-99, a large number of practicing physicians in Polk County were again called into military service.

Four Iowa Volunteer Regiments, the Forty-ninth, Fiftieth, Fifty-first and the Fifty-second, were encamped at Camp McKinley, State Fair Grounds, Des Moines, April 26, 1898, and these mustered into United States service, remained until assigned elsewhere. A large number of local physicians were assigned to these four regiments.

During this second quarter century an increasing number of able and well trained physicians and surgeons located in Des Moines and throughout the county, who distinctly advanced the standards of medical practice, and by their leadership influenced the higher professional ideals and purposes for the years to follow.

The last fifty years of this historic century period marked a golden epoch in the progress of medicine in every field, which was reflected in higher

standards of medical service for this community.

It was a period of great hospital development. The Iowa Methodist Hospital was opened in January, 1901; the first patient was admitted to the Iowa Lutheran Hospital March 13, 1914, and Broadlawns Polk County Hospital, after a series of changes, became established as a model hospital of its kind. Mercy Hospital was greatly enlarged.

Soon after the beginning of this period the Polk County Medical Society took a leading part in the State Medical Society reorganization, in which the County Society became the unit of organization with delegate representation in the State Medical Society, and through the same in the American Medical Association.

With the discontinuance of the Drake University Medical School the Polk County Medical Society became the native force in stimulating continuing and graduate study on the part of its members, and which led to the gradual recognition of Des Moines as a medical center. The development of specialized practice has been a further factor in improving medical service in this community.

The tragedy of two World Wars has brought its toll of sacrifice, yet in each the medical profession met the challenge and remained true to the noblest precepts of our Guild. Likewise, in a period of a changing social order with its attending new economic problems, a leadership in medical statesmanship has been developed towards promoting the highest medical welfare for all concerned.

In assembling the essential data for this history, it has been necessary to seek information from a number of sources. The early Society records are rather incomplete, so that a study of outstanding personalities and epochal events have served to bring the different historical data into proper sequence.

Interesting facts were obtained from the early histories of Johnson Brigham, J. M. Dixon, L. F. Andrews, Will

Porter, and certain historical sketches by various authors.

The historical data collected for the 75th Anniversary of the Polk County Medical Society in 1926 have been freely used in this centennial review. Certain interesting facts have been contributed by members of the committee, as well as from descendants of some of the pioneer physicians and early settlers. Special acknowledgment is extended to Mrs. H. H. Smead, President, and her committee of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Polk County Medical Society for interesting data obtained by searching the old newspaper files of the Iowa Star, Iowa State Register and the Iowa State Journal. In the Iowa Star of November 13, 1851, appeared a full account of the organization meeting of the Polk County Medical Society and the Iowa State Journal of March 4, 1852, published

a draft of the Code of Ethics adopted by the Society.

The Committee desires to express special appreciation to the librarians of the State General Library, the State Medical Library and the Des Moines City Library for valuable assistance in making available the various publications pertaining to Iowa history contained in these libraries.

In submitting this story of one hundred years of medicine in Polk County, it is hoped that it will be of historical interest to this and succeeding generations and that this chronicle of medical events will serve as an index of the remarkable growth of Des Moines and the surrounding community. Here, as elsewhere, the doctor in stimulating the higher ideals of social and cultural life and constructive citizenship, has contributed his share to the progress and happiness of his time.

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PART I

Historical—Early Medical Pioneers

1842-1851

In the light of this later day, living in this progressive Capitol City and surrounding community, enjoying all the privileges of a modern civilization, it is difficult to realize that we are less than 110 years removed from undisputed Indian occupancy.

During the preceding two centuries, that which is now Iowa had been under five different ownerships: Indian, French, Spanish, French for a second time and since 1803 the United States of America.

After 1803 it belonged for a few years to the Province of Louisiana, then successively a part of the Territory of Louisiana, Missouri, Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa. Iowa was admitted to Statehood in 1846.

By the Treaty of 1842 "the Sacs and Foxes ceded all the lands remaining to them in Iowa, agreeing to remove therefrom by October 11, 1845, the United States to find a home on the Missouri River or some of its waters."

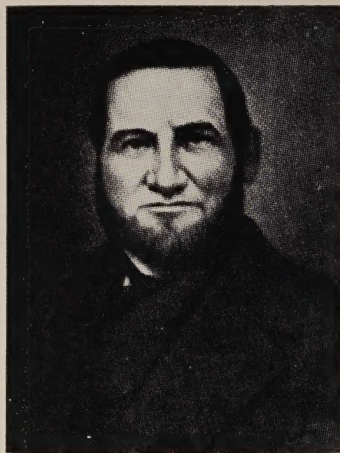
Chief Keokuk was the principal negotiator for the Sacs and Chief Poweshiek for the Foxes. All this was done and by the last day of September, 1845, the Indians had left their old hunting grounds and departed from Iowa Territory to their new home in Kansas.

By government orders, February 20, 1843, a military post was established on the river Des Moines at or near the junction with the Racoon, for the protection of the Sac and Fox Indians and the interests of the government in that frontier.

On the afternoon of May 20, 1843, Captain James Allen, with three officers and 48 dragoons went into camp near the edge of the woods at the "point" between the two rivers.* The next day they were joined by Captain Gardinier

with two officers and 44 men of Company F, U. S. Infantry. With them came Assistant Surgeon John S. Griffin, who was appointed Post Surgeon. He was later joined by Assistant Surgeon J. Wesley Kirkbride.

Without delay the soldiers built a wharf, a warehouse, a hospital, barracks for the men, officers' quarters, and a parade ground. While the troops were stationed here no white person was allowed to settle in the town or county without special permission of the Commandant of the Post. The latter included the Indian agent, the interpreter, the sutler, fur traders, contractors for supplies, the government blacksmith, Charles Worthington, and tailor, Joseph M. Thrift.*



THOMAS K. BROOKS, M.D.

The troops, numbering about one hundred with a few of the aforementioned, lived in or near the Fort on the west side, while the Agency, traders and others were located on the east side of the Des Moines River.

Assistant Surgeons John S. Griffin

*Father of later Adjutant General Thrift, Iowa National Guard.

*Near the west end of the Court Avenue bridge.

and J. Wesley Kirkbride looked after the sick of the new settlement.

A new chapter in the history of Polk County began with the firing of a musket from Indian Agency which signalled to the surrounding area, that the Empire of the redman had ended and the commencement of civil life in this community. By the light of the moon and aid of torches most of the claims were measured and by morning the Indian lands had found new tenants. The Act of the Territorial Legislature creating Polk County and fixing its boundaries was approved January 17, 1846.

At noon on March 10, 1846, Lieutenant Grier with the balance of the troops marched out of the town and Fort Des Moines as a military post ceased to exist.

In all historical records of the early physicians appears the name of Doctor Thomas K. Brooks, who was the first civilian physician to practice in this county, coming to Fort Des Moines in September, 1845, settling in what was called Agency Prairie, in the eastern part of the town.†

†Near the present site of the State Fair Grounds, 1951.

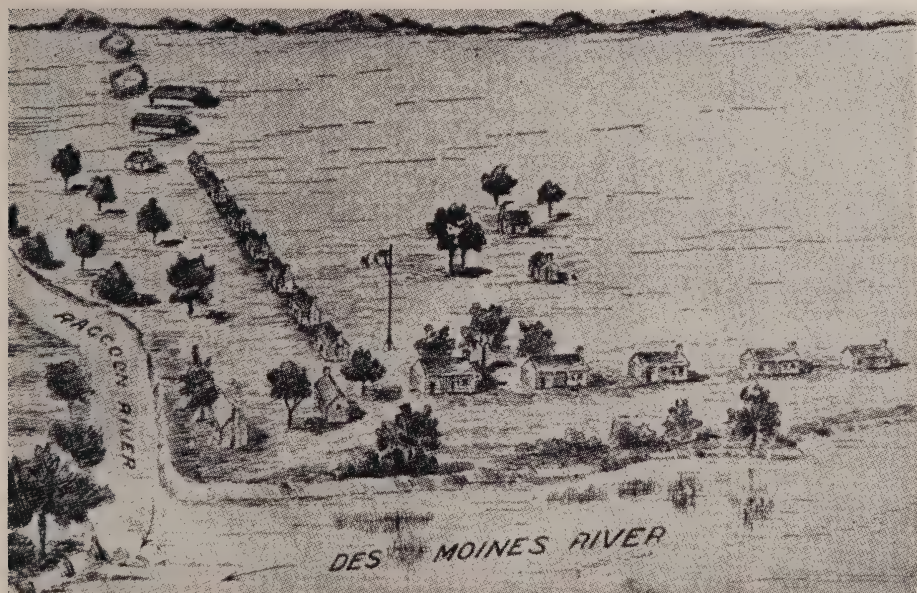
From biographical data available it is learned that he was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, May 4, 1811, his father being a native of Vermont. He studied medicine in New Lisbon, Ohio, under the tuition of Doctor George M. McCook, after which he attended a course of lectures at Ohio Medical College, Columbus, and graduated at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.

Before coming to Fort Des Moines he practiced a number of years in Terre Haute, Indiana.

He first lived with Mr. John Beach, the Indian Agent, about one-half mile east of Capitol Hill, and the east side was his residence until his death in 1868. Soon after his arrival he acquired the claim and holdings of Phelps and Company, fur dealers, and for a short period was interested in farming but this did not prove very successful.

He was very active in the practice of Medicine until 1851, after which he became interested in various civic and other enterprises that required much of his attention.

He was appointed the first postmaster in 1846, serving only one year. He built the first brick house in 1854 and was the first to make extensive



Fort Des Moines in 1844.

improvements on the east side, plotting the town which later adopted the name East Des Moines.

Doctor Brooks was very active and loyally instrumental in having the State Capitol moved from Iowa City to Des Moines, also in having it located on the east side. It is recorded that he assumed the responsibility of moving the safe and archives in the rigid winter of 1857-58 to arrive in time for the legislative session in January, 1858.

Doctor Brooks was a vigorous supporter of the public schools and one of the principal promoters of Des Moines College, the first institution for higher education in this community. During the Civil War he was active and served as Vice President of the Soldiers Relief Society.

In the Annals of Iowa, April, 1870, appears the following: "Dr. Thomas K. Brooks was a doctor, and more than a doctor. When he died on February 28, 1868, the General Assembly closed one day in respect to his memory. Members of both bodies attended his funeral. The Editor credited Doctor Brooks with 'rare qualities of the soul—by whose death Iowa lost one of her most public spirited and valuable private citizens.'"

Doctor James Campbell came to Iowa on horseback in 1839, settling for a time in Van Buren County, and arrived in Fort Des Moines in January, 1846. While prepared to enter the practice of medicine he felt that with Doctor Brooks in active practice there was not room for two physicians, so he decided to establish a general store, which was very successful. He was elected county recorder and treasurer in 1847. It is noted that he was interested in horse racing and known as a good fiddler and participated in many of the social functions of the young community.

In 1855 Doctor Campbell built the first large three story brick building near the Raccoon Point at the corner of First and Elm Streets and following a special course of study in the East, established an Eye and Ear Infirmary



Colonel Hooker's Stage Coach.

which he conducted successfully for about twenty years.

The third physician who had a prominent part in this frontier community was Doctor Pierce B. Fagen,* who arrived in Fort Des Moines the first of June, 1846, and was the second physician after Doctor Brooks to locate for the practice of medicine. Doctor Fagen was a graduate of the McDowell (Eclectic) College of Medicine of St. Louis and came with the prestige of considerable experience in medical teaching and hospital work in St. Louis and Cincinnati. After graduation he remained as assistant to Doctor McDowell, Professor of Surgery for several years, then moved to Cincinnati for a professorship in the Cincinnati Eclectic College, after which he came to Fort Des Moines.

He is referred to "as an able physician and surgeon of excellent literary accomplishments, something of a politician and withall of a very genial and amiable disposition."

Doctor Fagen assisted in the first survey of the town July 4, 1846, and received the first deed executed in the county for 40 acres of the original town site at \$7.50 an acre. This included Lot 1, Block 1, at the corner of Third and Walnut Streets, which was listed in 1847 at \$35 and sold ten years later for \$5,000.

In 1848 he was nominated for State Senator on the Whig Ticket and made a strong canvass against his friend and former roommate, Mr. P. M. Casady,

*Doctor Pierce B. Fagen was the uncle of W. P. Fagen, the father of the late Rodney Pierce Fagen, M.D., Des Moines.

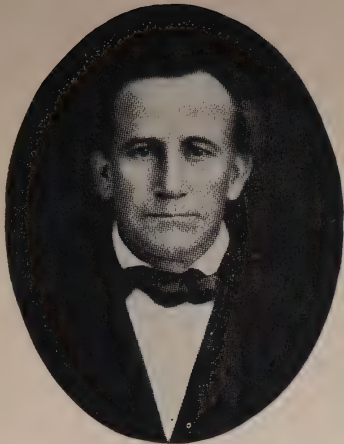
on the Democratic Ticket. One of the traditions of the campaign was that the lawyer's friends insisted that health was the first consideration, and that while the lawyer could be spared, the doctor was needed at home. The district so voted.

Doctor Fagen was married November 12, 1849, to Miss Melissa Hoxie in the Hoxie home which is described as a "brilliant social affair," with guests coming from all over the county, including "Dr. Brooks from the Indian Agency." A severe storm compelled the guests to remain over night and for several days. It is referred to as a "packed house" but a "happy and unique experience." There was no "bridal tour" in those days.

In 1850 Doctor Fagen had an attack of "California Goldfever," and decided to remain in the west, making his home in Santa Cruz, California.

The next physicians prominently mentioned in the early records are the two Doctors Grimmel, Doctor Francis C. and Doctor Henry C., who came to Fort Des Moines in October, 1846.

The brothers Grimmel were born in Germany, near Heidelberg, and completed their medical education at that well known university. Soon afterwards they came to the United States, locating in Virginia, where they remained about ten years and then moved



FRANCIS C. GRIMMEL, M.D.

to Ohio, where Doctor Francis C. Grimmel practiced in Perry County and his brother in Morgan County.

In August, 1846, Doctor Francis C. Grimmel left Perry County, Ohio, with his wife, three sons and two daughters and four wagons loaded with household goods and drugs, drawn by ten horses, and set out for Fort Des Moines in the new state of Iowa. They arrived late at night on October 15, having to ford the Des Moines River between Grand Avenue and Walnut Streets. After camping out the first night, they found that the only house available was the large, oblong log guardhouse used formerly by the soldiers, located at the



Official Plat of the City of Fort Des Moines.

northeast corner of Third and Vine Streets, fronting on the parade ground. They were able to house the seven members of the family and the drug store in the two rooms, each 14 feet square, the house having small iron barred windows. Everyone was happy and survived a very severe winter with the temperature 36 degrees below zero. Many cattle and hogs froze to death and provisions became scarce. The Grimmel family ran out of meat, but when Doctor Brooks learned about it, he brought a quarter of beef with directions to "hang it outside."

In the spring of 1847 Doctor Grimmel filed a claim for 80 acres, comprising an area between Fourth and Ninth Streets and Grand Avenue and School Streets, afterwards known as "Grimmel's Hill." Soon afterwards he bought a government warehouse on the east side, tore it down and moved it to Sixth Avenue north of Grand Avenue and rebuilt it to live in during the summer. He used one portion of the house for a drug store and his office. This was used for that purpose until 1852 when he built a frame store on the northeast corner of Sixth and Grand Avenues, which he occupied for several years, when the lot was sold to the Catholic Church and the drug store moved down on Mulberry Street.

In the late summer of 1847 he started building a frame timber house (the first in the town) on the northwest corner of Sixth Avenue and High Street.*

He was unable to complete it before winter, as it could not be plastered because lime was not available; the walls and ceilings had to be covered with cloth.

It was not completely finished until late fall of 1848, yet in June of that year the Doctor's daughter, Augusta, was married to Mr. (later Judge) P. M. Casady, a wedding that is described as a "notable and jolly affair." The groom was a popular young lawyer and candidate for state senator; the groomsman, Dr. Fagen, his roommate,

was his opponent for the senatorship, and one year later he married the bridesmaid, Miss Melissa Hoxie.



First Frame House. Built by Dr. F. C. Grimmel.

During Dr. Grimmel's active years in the practice of medicine and conducting a drug store he was greatly interested in many civic enterprises. When it seemed evident, 1855, that the State Capitol would be located in Fort Des Moines, he joined with other citizens in the effort to have it located on the west side of the river, subscribing \$10,000 for the necessary funds and offered ten acres of his claim for a site. The East side supporters won out in a rather bitter contest.

When it was proposed to establish a Lutheran College in 1855 he subscribed \$10,000 and was a trustee. A suitable lot was purchased on Pleasant Street, the building was commenced and the cornerstone laid on May 26, 1856. However, hard times came, followed by the panic of 1857, and the project had to be abandoned.

Doctor Grimmel retired from active practice in 1855, "having acquired a competency and desiring to have more time for recreation."

Soon afterwards he built a two story brick residence at the northeast corner of Sixth and Park Avenues.* It became the scene of many happy social occasions and several weddings. He lived there until his death in 1862,† when

*Present site of the Victoria Hotel.

†The brick residence was sold in 1865 to General J. M. Tuttle and upon his death in 1892 was torn down and the Victoria Hotel built thereon.

*Now the site of St. Ambrose Cathedral.

the widow returned to the former home on Sixth Avenue and High Street.

All the early records indicate that Doctor Grimmel left a distinct impress on the new community as a foremost, energetic and respected citizen.

Doctor Henry C. Grimmel came to Fort Des Moines soon after his brother in October, 1846, and was associated with him in practice and the drug business until his death shortly after the Civil War. There is less information available regarding his work in this community than is recorded of his brother, Doctor Francis C. Grimmel. However, through his great grandson* we were privileged to review an interesting cloth bound volume marked "H. Grimmel's Medical Work, May 18, 1837," containing a large number of prescriptions, written in the handwriting of the Doctor. Some are in German script, particularly the directions, again these appear in excellent English; the term "Gelbsucht" is used often for jaundice, and "Wasserucht" for dropsy; for the latter condition the following was prescribed:

Dropsy Mixture

Rx Juniper Berris 1b $\frac{3}{4}$

Herba Digitalis

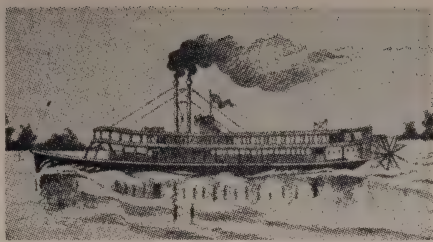
Venigor Squillae

Boil the Digitalis and berris in one and one-half pints of water for $\frac{1}{4}$ hour, then strain and add the Squills and again strain.

Dose Every four hours a tablespoonful.

There are prescriptions for blue-mass pills; ague and fever stopping pills (quinin); auto-billious pills (Aloes and Jalap); cramp-colic pills (gum opium); vermifuge (castor oil, calomel, and oil of wormseed); cough lozenges and syrups; eye water, various salves and plasters; a caustic paste, mostly lye, "a cure for cancer"; besides directions for making cement for glass and crockeryware; blue, black and indelible ink; brandy, Jamaica rum and various wines. It indicates a comprehensive knowledge of drugs, their action and the art of pharmacy of that period.

The only other medical books remaining from his library are two vol-



An Early Steamboat.

umes of "A Treatise on the Practice of Medicine,"* by John Eberle, M.D., Professor of Materia Medica and Botany, Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, 1838. His signature appears on the first page of each volume.

It is noted that he was a member of the first Brass Band organized at Fort Des Moines in 1855. Like his brother he was ambitious for public welfare, interested in public schools and all civic improvement.

He was an early member of the Polk County Medical Society and is remembered as one of the leading physicians of his day. His son, Doctor George Henry Grimmel, a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Keokuk, was for many years one of the leading physicians in Jefferson, Boone County, and whose daughter, Augustus Josefa Grimmel, was also a physician, having graduated from the Medical Department, State University of Iowa, in March, 1893, and practiced many years in Jefferson. A younger daughter, Florence, married Mr. George H. Decker of Des Moines, whose son is the present Doctor Henry G. Decker.

Another physician of this early period was Doctor H. H. Saylor, of whom it is stated as being "known all over the county," yet further data are rather limited. He came to the new settlement in 1846 and located on what was called "Saylor's Bottom," whence he commenced the practice of medicine and later moved to Des Moines where he practiced until his death in 1874.

This completes the record of active pioneer physicians who came to the new settlement before 1850.

*Henry Grimmel Decker, M.D., Des Moines.

*Property of Henry G. Decker, M.D., Des Moines.

PART II

Organization of Polk County Medical Society 1851-1876

In the November 13, 1851, issue of the *Iowa Star*,* weekly journal, appeared the following notice of the organization meeting of the Polk County Medical Society in Fort Des Moines on October 24, 1851.

"Fort Des Moines, October 24, 1851. Agreeable to a notice given by publication the convention met. On motion of A. L. Gray, M.D., of Fort Des Moines, A. Y. Hull, M.D., of Lafayette, was called to the chair, and on motion of Doctor H. C. Huntsman, Doctor A. L. Gray was appointed secretary.

On motion of D. V. Cole, M.D., of Fort Des Moines, a committee of three was appointed by the chair to report a constitution for the society, whereupon Doctors Cole, Murdock and Plumley were appointed said committee.

On motion of Doctor Huntsman, a committee of three was appointed by the chair to report a code of ethics by which the members of this society shall be governed in practice, upon which Doctors Huntsman, A. L. Gray and Doctor Collet were made said committee.

The convention then took a recess for one hour, at the expiration of which the convention again convened, and the committee on constitution reported, which report was taken up, article by article, agreeable to motion to that effect, and the following constitution was adopted, viz.:

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This association shall be known as the Polk County Medical Society, and shall meet quarterly at Fort Des Moines.

Article 2. The officers of this society shall consist of a president, vice

president, and secretary who shall act as treasurer, and a board of censors, consisting of three.

Article 3. The officers of this society shall perform all duties assigned to such officers; and shall hold their office for one year and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Article 4. They shall be chosen by ballot, the majority of all the votes cast necessary to a choice.

Article 5. Any regular graduate in good standing may become a member of this society on presentation of a diploma from any respectable medical college, or a license from any respectable medical society, or upon the recommendation of the board of censors and the payment of initiation fee of one dollar.

Article 6. Any person, upon the recommendation of the board of censors, shall be found qualified to practice medicine, surgery, etc., will be entitled to receive a certificate of qualification signed by the president and secretary and on the payment of one dollar into the treasury.

Article 7. This society shall have power to open a correspondence with similar societies in the state.

Article 8. Any member of this society who shall procure a patent for a remedy or instrument of surgery, or who prescribes a medicine without knowing its composition or who hereafter gives a certificate in favor of a patent remedy or be guilty of any dishonorable conduct shall on motion be expelled by a majority of the members present concurring therein.

Article 9. This society, by a vote of the majority of the members present, shall have power to levy a contribution on its members to meet the expenditures of the society.

Article 10. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of

*This is an exact copy of the record of the first meeting published in the *Iowa Star*, November 13, 1851, as shown by the accompanying photostat reproduction. It will be noted that the first president, Doctor A. Y. Hull, is co-editor of the *Iowa Star*.

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forward and became members of this society: A. Y. Hull, M.D., of Lafayette; Huntsman, M.D.; D. V. Cole, M.D., of Fort Des Moines; Dr. A. A. Murdock; Dr. E. T. Collet; A. L. Day, M.D., and Plumley, M.D., of Hartford.

On motion the society adjourned to meet on the last Friday in January, 1852, at 12 o'clock M.

A. Y. HULL, M.D., Chairman
A. L. GRAY, M.D., Secretary"

At the next meeting of the society in January, 1852, Doctors H. C. Grinnell and J. J. Sanders were elected to membership.

In the *Iowa State Journal* of March 4, 1852, appears the report of the committee appointed at an earlier meeting to draft a "Code of Medical Ethics" and which was adopted by the society:

1. It declares for the observance of secrecy and delicacy in the relations of physicians with their patients.

2. To avoid all visits beyond those necessary to the good of the patient.

3. It deprecates gloomy prognostications, or the urging to the importance of one's services, but advises timely notice of danger to the friends and, when safe, to the patient himself.

4. It recommends consultations in difficult and protracted cases.

5. It counsels kindness, and generous allowance for the mental debility of the patient.

6. It was regarded as highly derogatory to the dignity of the profession to resort to public advertising, calling attention to those afflicted with particular diseases, offering advice to the poor gratis, promising radical cures, publishing cases and operations, etc.

7. When called to see another physician's patient, the code prescribes that the physician should make his prescription to palliate or temporarily relieve the patient until the attending physician resumes his charge of the case.

8. It maintains that, ordinarily, the physician called in should make no charge against the patient.

9. It declares that no charge should

be made for attendance on another physician's family; but the other physician, if able, should remunerate him as he is able to do so.

10. Comments to the disparagement of another physician's treatment it declares to be "a base violation of (the code of) a gentleman."

The remaining sections are in substance as follows:

11. A physician should not take charge of another's patient unless in consultation, or on relinquishment of the case, or a due notification that the other's services have been dispensed with. In such a case he should make no reflection on his predecessor.

12. General resume.

13. Consult only with regular physicians.

14. In consultations observe respect for others' judgment.

15. After examination retire for interchange of opinions, consultations to be secret and confidential.

16. Consultations concluded, the consulting physician should attend no more unless solicited.

The report was signed by Doctor A. L. Gray, Committee on Publication.

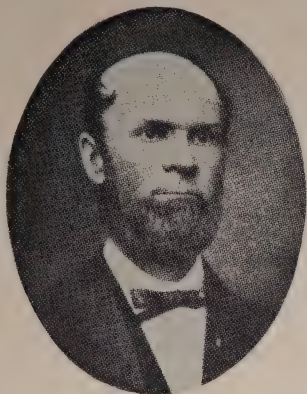
The recorded history of the society seems to come to rather an abrupt end in 1852. It is possible that the subsequent proceedings ceased to interest the press, but the fact remains that no further reports of its meetings are to be found in either the *Star*, the *Times*, or the *Journal*.

It will be of interest to record the available biographic data regarding the leaders in this pioneer movement of professional organization.

Doctor Andrew Y. Hull, the first president of the County Medical Society, was an interesting product of frontier conditions.

While he was more politician and public servant than practitioner, by reason of the many calls to public service upon men of brains and education, nevertheless, he was a physician of large experience and was keenly interested in all that pertained to the practice of his profession. There is

no available information regarding his parentage, birth place or medical education. He came to the new settlement in the summer of 1849, tried to buy a corner lot either at Second or Fourth and Walnut, upon which to build a house; he considered the prices of \$25 and \$30 outrageous and went down the Des Moines River 15 miles to lay out the town of Lafayette. In Janu-



ANDREW Y. HULL, M.D.

ary, 1850, he advertised lots for sale at a lower price, or free, if the party would agree to build a house on the same. In the great flood of 1851 a large part of Lafayette was washed away, but he continued his residence there until he moved to Fort Des Moines in 1854.

From September, 1851, to April, 1852, Doctor Hull was co-editor of the *Iowa Star*, the first newspaper in the community. It was during this period that the Polk County Medical Society, was organized, which accounts for the complete record of the first meeting on October 24, 1851, being so well preserved. At the second meeting of the Society the last Friday in January, 1852, the president, Doctor Hull, presented a paper on "The Wants of the Medical Profession."

Considering the passage of one hundred years, it will be interesting to follow the thought of this pioneer physician by presenting a few abstracts: The prominent "want" of the medical world Doctor Hull found to be "a corps of competent physicians, men for

whom nature had done much and who possessed a liberal preparatory and thorough medical education." Another deficiency noted was "the lack of healthy discriminating tone in public sentiment, to the end that the ability of competent physicians may be fully appreciated." "Too loose reign is given to 'medi-casters' who are virtually authorized by law 'to go forth on their errand of death.'"

Iowa was declared to be one of the states in which the practice of medicine was not regulated by law. In his view "judicious laws would tend to relieve the crippled profession and save communities from incalculable mischief."

Another "want" was "harmony among the members of the profession; jars, schisms, strifes, animosities and bickerings stood as imperishable monuments of their shame and degradation." "Physicians of all men should earnestly cultivate intimate and confidential relations with each other, and the only rivalry that they should countenance should be to see who could become best acquainted with the true science of medicine, and to strive to occupy the highest and most extended sphere of usefulness in their respective circles."

In conclusion he stated that he saw lasting benefits shadowed forth in the new organization.

In 1852 Doctor Hull built two flat boats to carry grain to Keokuk. That same year he was nominated and elected to the State Senate from a district comprising at that time twenty-four counties in the then sparsely interior, northern and northwestern Iowa. Soon after taking his seat in the General Assembly at Iowa City, he introduced a bill to remove the State Capitol to Des Moines. It is recorded that "Iowa City was furious."

When his friend Judge Bates received the nomination for governor in 1852, an "oyster supper" was arranged at the Pennsylvania House, at which 175 ladies and gentlemen were present. On this occasion Doctor Hull responded to the toast "Fort Des Moines—the Mecca of Iowa to which

we invite the citizens of our own and other states to make a pilgrimage."

Upon removal to Fort Des Moines in 1854 he purchased two lots on the East side, on which he built a residence and office. Having previously read law, he now began the practice of law, which he continued until after the Civil War. In 1866 he sold his East side residence to his son-in-law, Doctor H. C. Potter, who had been practicing at Vandalia. Doctor Hull moved to Sedalia, Missouri, later to Texas, but frequently returned for reunions of the Des Moines Pioneer Club, the last in January, 1894. He died at Kiowa, Kansas, in 1900, and is buried in Woodland Cemetery in Des Moines. Thus closed a rather remarkable career of public and private service as physician, town promoter, editor, politician, legislator and lawyer.

His daughter was married to Doctor H. C. Potter, a practitioner of Vandalia and later in Des Moines, and resided on Pleasant Street opposite the Iowa Methodist Hospital.

One son, Captain John A. T. Hull,* was congressman from this district for many years, and chairman of the important committee on military affairs. The latter had two sons, Doctor Albert G. Hull of Kansas City, Missouri, and Brig. Gen. John A. Hull, Judge Advocate General U. S. Army, both deceased.

Doctor David V. Cole, the first vice president of the Society, was one of the Charter members of the State Medical Society when it was organized in Burlington, June 19, 1850, at which time he was located in Fairfield. He came to Fort Des Moines early in 1851, and during the next thirty years was closely identified with the early history of this community.

It is probable that his experience in forming the State Medical Society the previous year may have been an important influence in organizing the first County Medical Society in the state. He was the chairman of the committee to report a constitution for the Society and was elected the first vice

president and served as president 1853-1854. In the *Iowa Star* of November, 1853, his name is listed in the professional column.

Doctor D. V. Cole was one of the signers of a letter sending greetings from the faculty at Fort Des Moines to the State Medical Society meeting in Keokuk, June 14, 1855.

During the Civil War period he was active in relief work. Doctor Cole is listed as one of the twenty regular members of the State Medical Society present at its first meeting in Des Moines in 1868.

He was a delegate from the Polk County Medical Society to each of the State Society sessions from 1868 to 1876, which indicated a deep interest in medical society affairs. He served as county physician in 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, and 1876. The fee for county physician was \$600 per year.

In 1880 he moved to southern Kansas and there is no further personal record of him available.



H. C. HUNTSMAN, M.D.

Doctor H. C. Huntsman, the first secretary and treasurer of the Polk County Medical Society, probably attained the greatest professional distinction of any of the founders of the Society.

He was born September 16, 1825, near Dayton, Ohio, and soon afterwards his father moved to Elkhart county, Indiana. As a boy he worked on a farm and obtained his English education in the pioneer schools. At 16 years of age he secured a position as cook on a lake steamer between Chicago and Buffalo, New York, teaching

*Captain 23rd Iowa Infantry, Civil War.

school at Racine, Wisconsin, during the intervening winter. He then studied medicine in the office of Doctors Meeker and Higday, both of whom were connected with the Indiana Medical College at LaPorte. He afterwards attended this college two years and then spent one year at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, graduating with the first medical class in 1851. Soon after graduation he located in the town of Lafayette in Polk county, where he met with fine success. In 1855 he moved to Pella, Marion county, where he remained until 1860 when he went to Colorado, locating at Leadville, where he was elected judge of the Miners' Court.

With the outbreak of the Civil War he returned to Iowa and was appointed first assistant surgeon of the Fifth Iowa Infantry. In 1863 he was promoted to surgeon. He served until June, 1866, when he located in Oskaloosa and there enjoyed a large and lucrative practice.

He was elected president of the Iowa State Medical Society in 1885. He served as a member of the Board of Regents of the State University of Iowa. He died on January 14, 1887.

In the *Iowa State Medical Reporter* of February, 1887, appears an obituary notice of Doctor Huntsman by Doctor Woods Hutchinson of Des Moines, from which is quoted: "Doctor Huntsman's life is a striking illustration of what may be accomplished by pluck, brains and invincible determination, is a refreshing inspiration to all who are engaged in the manly struggle for a name and place in the world. From farm laborer to president of the Iowa State Medical Society, from cook on a lake steamer to Regent of the State University, his promotion was won by sheer force of merit, backed by indomitable perseverance. His whole history is a living embodiment of Buffon's statement that 'genius is industry.'"

There are no further records available regarding the other four charter members, Doctor E. T. Collett of Fort Des Moines and Doctors A. A. Mur-

dock, A. L. Gray and Plumley of Hartford.

A number of practicing physicians who came to the county in the early 50's, but did not affiliate with the Society until later, should be mentioned:

Doctor Alexander Shaw came in 1853 and, as recorded, "lived in a cabin out of town" although not farther back than between Sixth and Seventh Streets. The next year he moved to the east side and became associated with Doctor Thomas K. Brooks in a number of civic and welfare projects. In 1854 a company was organized to erect a building for the proposed State Capitol which included Doctor Brooks and Doctor Shaw. The records indicate that he was a member of the County Society in 1855.

When the east side public school was built in 1858, Doctor Brooks was chairman and Doctor Shaw secretary of the first school board. He was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention in 1860.

Doctor Shaw was appointed Assistant Surgeon of the 1st Iowa Battery in 1862, later Surgeon of the 4th Infantry.

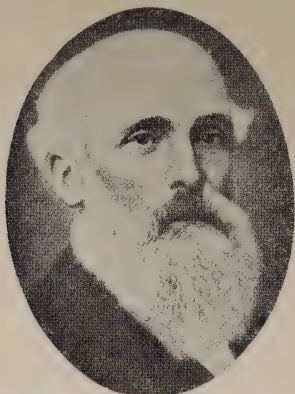
Doctor Shaw retired from practice after return from military service and took an active part in the management of the Iowa State Fair and was regarded as a leading horticulturist in the state. At the time of his death in 1875 he was Secretary of the Agricultural Society of Colorado.

Doctor Henry L. Whitman was one of the best and most beloved early settlers of Des Moines, coming here in 1853. He became recognized as one of its most interesting citizens and medical leaders for more than 30 years.

He was born in Hartford, Connecticut, December 13, 1814, of English ancestry. After graduating from Amherst College in 1839 with distinction he was engaged as a teacher for two years in Tennessee and Missouri, after which he returned to Connecticut to begin the study of medicine with Doctor Welch, a prominent practitioner of Hartford. In 1845 he graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadel-

phia. Convinced that the west presented the best inducements for young men, he came to Freeport, Illinois, where he practiced two years.

In 1848 he moved to the lead mines district near Dubuque, Iowa, where



HENRY I. WHITMAN, M.D.

for five years he was engaged in a laborious and lucrative practice. In 1853 he came to Fort Des Moines, then a settlement of less than 800 inhabitants. Doctor Whitman opened an office in a small frame building on the north side of Walnut near Fourth Street.

It is stated that he never refused a sick call, was strictly ethical, denounced charlatans and quackery, contributed interesting articles to medical journals and was recognized as a talented, educated physician. During the years of the Civil War, 1861-65, he took care of soldiers and their families without charge.

Doctor Whitman was active in a reorganization of the County Medical Society in 1858 and was elected its president. He was again president in 1868 when the County Society was host to the State Medical Society for its first meeting in Des Moines.

This was the year in which the State Medical Society was incorporated as a corporate body and Doctor Whitman and Doctor A. G. Field were among the five signers of the articles of incorporation. The late Mr. F. M. Hubbell, attorney and notary public, witnessed the signatures.

In 1868 he served on the Board of Censors, in 1869 as treasurer and in 1870 as a trustee of the State Society.

He had extensive interests, being a stockholder and director in the Citizens Bank when it was organized in 1871. He was medical advisor of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa when it was organized on February 7, 1867.

Doctor Whitman was popular in social circles because of his scholarly attainments and great conversational powers.

In 1875 he retired from practice in order to devote more time to business affairs and literary interests. His health began to fail in 1884 and he moved to Duluth, Minnesota, but died a year later of pneumonia, August 17, 1885.

A colleague, Doctor W. H. Ward, a well known physician of Des Moines, spoke this tribute, "No man more completely had the hearts and affections of people than Doctor Whitman."

Doctor John C. Bennett came to Polk county July 8, 1854, and practiced at various times in the new settlements of Rising Sun, Polk City and Fort Des Moines, until his death in 1866. He is referred to as an eccentric and talented man and able physician. It is reported that he was at one time a Mormon General or Legion Chief next in dignity to Joseph Smith; it is further stated that he came within five votes of being elected over Brigham Young. He published a book against the Mormons and when the Christian Church was organized July 2, 1856, at Rising Sun, Doctor Bennett and wife are listed as members.

The records indicate that he was president of the Polk County Medical Society in 1855 and 1856. He was elected a delegate to the American Medical Association by the Iowa State Medical Society in 1855. In 1861 he was appointed Surgeon of the Tenth Iowa Infantry.

At the Iowa State Fair several years he exhibited Shanghai chickens and blooded cattle. There is no record of his medical training or the exact time of his death.

Following the two organization meetings in 1851 and 1852, the records of the Polk County Medical Society are incomplete, however the following indicates that some form of a professional organization was kept up.

Fort Des Moines, Iowa,
June 5, A.D., 1855.

Prof. P. L. McGugin,
Keokuk—Cor. Secy.,
Iowa Medical Society:

We, the undersigned physicians and surgeons at Fort Des Moines, in reply to your esteemed favor of the 29th of May, soliciting our presence and participation in the proceedings of the Iowa State Medical Society at Keokuk, on the 14th inst., respectfully reply that our professional avocation and private business will prevent our attendance at the time specified, though we are decidedly in favor of the State organization, and of the Medical Department of the University of Iowa at Keokuk, and would be much pleased to participate in the proceedings of the State Medical Society, and further the interests of the State Medical College whenever opportunity presents. We likewise approve of the Medical Journal, under the patronage and supervision of the faculty of the Medical College of the University as well calculated to promote the interests of the medical profession of Iowa.

John C. Bennett, M.D.; D. V. Cole, M.D.; Thomas K. Brooks, M.D.; William P. Davis, M.D.; J. W. Morris, M.D.; Alex Shaw, M.D.; S. V. Campbell, M.D.; H. C. Grimmell, M.D.

Of those not previously referred to, limited data indicates that Doctor William P. Davis came to Fort Des Moines in 1854 and is referred to as a "large portly man, finely educated and able successful physician," who served in both branches of the legislature and served as brigade surgeon, 8th Iowa Infantry from 1861 to 1864. In the records of the Polk County Medical Society he is listed as a member in 1858, and a "Consumptive specialist." In 1858 he was a member of the Board of Censors. His son, Doctor E. P. Davis, assistant surgeon, 39th Iowa Infantry, died in service in 1863.

Doctor W. P. Davis was one of the organizers at the Des Moines Literary Institute, and on December 9, 1858, presented a lecture on "Influence of Intelligence Upon the Morals." He died October 10, 1867, while attending a meeting of the Polk County Medical Society.

Doctor S. V. Campbell came to Fort Des Moines in 1854 and carried on a successful practice until the beginning of the Civil War when he was appointed assistant surgeon of the 23rd Iowa Infantry, and in 1863 was promoted to surgeon, serving until the close of the war.

There is no available information regarding Doctor J. W. Morris.

Among the physicians who came in the early fifties, is noted Dr. James Cullen Lovejoy*, graduated from Rush Medical College in 1948, who came to Fort Des Moines in 1854, practicing here until 1861 when he moved to Greene County.

Other pioneer physicians coming in the early fifties who left their impress on the period were Doctors A. M. Overman, David Tisdale, Elias L. Russell, J. C. Allen, William Russell, L. C. Hillman, and Dr. N. G. McGonegal (homeopath).

Doctor John W. Rawls came from DeKalb County, Indiana, in 1854, and practiced in the Big Creek settlement near Polk City until 1861 when he returned to Indiana.

Soon after the town of Mitchellville was founded, four physicians were listed in 1856, viz.: Doctors Charles E. Lee, C. K. Patterson, H. W. Halderman and T. Seems.

It is recorded that Doctor D. O. Mather was the first physician to practice in Jefferson township, 1852; Doctor Jessup in Elkhart township, 1853; and Doctors Myrick and J. W. Bishop in the village of Avon in 1856.

Doctor W. H. Ward was one of the enterprising medical pioneers and for more than thirty years was one of the most active practitioners of this

*Grandfather of Doctor E. Parish Lovejoy, Des Moines.

community. He was born May 29, 1829, in Indiana. Little is known as to his early education or special training in medicine. It is recorded that he came to Fort Des Moines in 1849 for the purpose of practicing medicine, but remained only a short time and located in the new settlement of Dudley in Warren County. This town was practically washed away by the great flood of 1851. He then moved to the town of Carlisle in this county where he remained until 1862 when he came to Des Moines. Before coming here he attended a short course of lectures at the Medical Department, University of Iowa, Keokuk, and was granted the degree doctor of medicine from that institution in 1862.

He soon gained a very active and lucrative practice and was well regarded by the profession. He served as president of the Polk County Medical Society during the two years, 1879 and 1880.

One of the principal social events in the fall of 1876 was the celebration of the silver wedding anniversary of Doctor and Mrs. Ward.

In the first announcement of the Iowa College of Physicians and Surgeons of 1882 is listed W. H. Ward, M. D., as professor of gynecology.

In 1884 he left Des Moines to reside in Arizona for two years, after which he again practiced medicine in Los Angeles, California.

In 1857 Doctor W. L. Pense came to the young settlement at Adelphi where he practiced until 1865. He was born in Logan, Kentucky, March 27, 1832, studied medicine at Greensboro, Indiana, and graduated in 1855 from the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, coming to Iowa two years later. After retirement from practice in 1865 he engaged in farming and later served as township trustee, supervisor and assessor.

A reorganization meeting of the Polk County Medical Society was held in the Savery Hotel May 26, 1858, at which time the following officers were elected: President, H. L. Whitman;

vice presidents, J. O. Skinner, J. B. O. Lancton; recording secretary, C. H. Rawson; corresponding secretary, Henry Courtney; treasurer, A. J. Fox; censors, H. Courtney, W. P. Davis and H. L. Whitman.

Of the new names appearing, Doctor J. O. Skinner, vice president, was born in Meigs County, Ohio, September 6, 1824, and at 23 years of age began the study of medicine, attending the Starling Medical College, Columbus, Ohio, for one year, after which he began the practice of medicine in Lee County, Iowa, returning for his senior year in 1849 and graduating in 1850 when he came again to Lee County near Keokuk, and in September, 1857, he came to East Des Moines where he practiced until his death in 1890. He served as president of the Polk County Medical Society in 1876, and during 27 years was actively identified with the Iowa State Medical Society.

The other vice president, Doctor J. B. O. Lancton, was a French Canadian who practiced in Des Moines from 1857 to 1861, his office being in a small frame building on Walnut Street. The treasurer, Doctor A. J. Fox, is listed as an eye specialist.

Dr. Henry Courtney, who came to Fort Des Moines in 1853, was born in Mason County, Kentucky, in 1813. He received as good and thorough a common school education as was afforded at that early day, and studied medicine under Doctor C. Call, of Georgetown, Ohio, and then commenced the practice of medicine.

He moved to Bluffton, Indiana, where in connection with practice, he served satisfactorily for three years as county treasurer of Wells County after which he attended a course of lectures in the Medical College of Ohio and received the degree of doctor of medicine from that institution. He continued in the practice of his profession at Bluffton, until his removal to Fort Des Moines, Iowa, in 1853, where "he gradually acquired the confidence of the people and a respectable patronage."

He died in June, 1861, after a short illness at 48 years of age.

From an obituary notice by Doctor A. G. Field is quoted the following: "His last illness was attended with persistent vomiting, constipation and paroxysms of intense pain in the right hypochondrium. Doctor Courtney thought there was intussusception of the intestines, and his attending physicians were unable to determine satisfactorily the true nature of his malady until an autopsy revealed a biliary calculus measuring three-fourths of an inch in diameter, firmly impacted in the common duct, producing inflammation which soon propagated itself to contiguous parts and ending in death.

"Dr. Courtney was possessed of rare social qualities, dignified and pleasing in his address and in his intercourse with his professional brethren he was generous, affable and courteous.

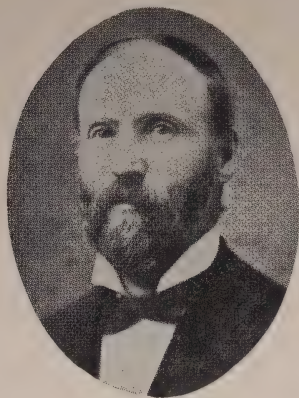
"In 1859 he was elected president of the Polk County Medical Society serving for two years, and up to his death continued to be one of its most active and useful members. Doctor Courtney loved the profession, and evinced in his studious habits, as well as in his careful examination of whatever related to its advancement, a laudable ambition to excel in the exercises of the highest professional requirements, and in the estimation of the profession, as well as that of the public, he had already attained in some degree to that position to which he aspired and to which he was so eminently entitled."

Doctor Charles H. Rawson was one of the most outstanding medical pioneers, who held a high place in the affection of all people in Polk County and a patent force in the upbuilding of this community.

He was born in Orleans County, Vermont, July 16, 1828, of English ancestry; one of his forebears, Edward Rawson, came with the colony of Massachusetts Bay in 1636 and for 35 years was secretary of the colony.

He was educated in the common schools, and began the study of medicine with Doctor A. P. Barber and graduated from the Medical College

of Woodstock, after which he practiced for a short period in Canada and then attended one year of lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, graduating in 1851.



CHAS. H. RAWSON

Attracted by the gold rush to California, he secured employment as ship surgeon on the S.S. Lewis, a sailing vessel. It was a long voyage rounding Cape Horn and his arrival in San Francisco was further delayed by a shipwreck, of which he was one of a few survivors. He then joined the Medical Corps of the U. S. Marine Hospital Service and, after serving two years, returned to his home in Vermont.

In 1858 he learned from friends in Des Moines about its having become the state capital and a promising field for physicians, so he came to this western frontier town in October, 1858, bringing with him his young bride.

His professional skill and ability were soon recognized and his practice increased rapidly. Soon after the beginning of the Civil War, in 1861, he was appointed assistant surgeon of the 5th Iowa Infantry and in March, 1862, was promoted to brigade surgeon, of the 3rd Brigade, Seventh Division, Army of the Mississippi. This regiment was actively engaged in the battles of Iuka and Lookout Mountain. Because of the hardships of war he was compelled to resign in 1864, returning to Des Moines to become associated with Doctor W. H. Ward, a

partnership that continued to 1881. Doctor Rawson had an active part in Medical Society organization, becoming a member of the State Society in 1868; he served as trustee for several years and as a member of important committees.

He was elected to the presidency of the Polk County Medical Society in 1874 and served in that position two years.

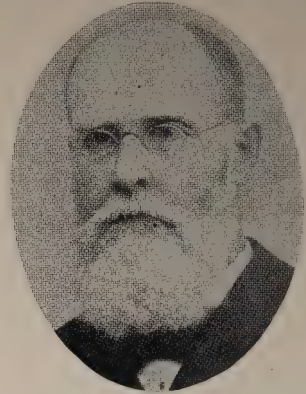
During 25 years as medical practitioner it is stated that Doctor Rawson probably visited every family in Des Moines and his practice extended well into the surrounding counties.

He had high ethical standards and while the chasm between the different schools of practice was not bridged in his time, he was never known to speak disparagingly of anyone of another therapeutic faith.

In May, 1884, while attending patients of his colleagues, who were attending the American Medical Association in Washington, D. C., he became exhausted and acutely ill from which he did not recover. During his last illness he was attended constantly by Doctors Ward, Hanawalt and Swift. Every physician in Des Moines visited his residence during this time. The end came on June 27, 1884, at the age of 55 years. His descendants are honored citizens of Des Moines and the Rawson Block on Locust Street is one of his legacies to the structural growth of the city.

Special mention should be made of Doctor Wilmot H. Dickinson, the leading representative of the homeopathic medical profession of his day. He was born in the province of Quebec in 1828. After being engaged in teaching for several years in the South, he began the study of medicine in Louisville, completing it at the Homeopathic Medical Colleges in Cleveland and New York City, graduating in 1857. He came to Des Moines in 1858, continuing in active practice until his death in 1898, which was one of the longest continuous practices in this city. He was appointed by Governor Gear a member of the first State

Board of Health organized in 1880 and served until 1889. From 1886 to 1894 he was a professor in the Homeopathic Medical School at the University of



WILMOT H. DICKINSON

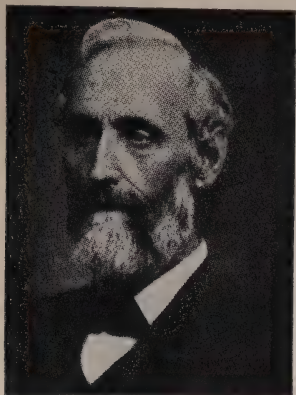
Iowa, Iowa City, the last two years serving as dean of the faculty. It was the privilege of the writer* to become acquainted with Doctor Dickinson and to recognize his scholarly attainments and attractive personality. During this period an intimate friendship was formed between Doctor Dickinson and Doctor William D. Middleton, the dean of the regular medical school, a further testimonial to the high character of the man. Doctor Dickinson served as president of the Iowa State Homeopathic Medical Society in 1870.

One of the interesting early physicians was Doctor M. P. Turner who came in 1858, and although never engaged in medical practice, had an important part in the business interests of this community. He was born in Missouri in October, 1824, and at the age of four years moved to Illinois where he was graduated as a doctor of medicine from the Illinois Medical College, at Jacksonville, in 1947.

After practicing six years in Jacksonville he purchased a herd of cows and drove overland to California where he remained five years engaged in various business enterprises. Dr. Turner came with his wife to Des Moines in 1858, each being in good financial circumstances. They found a home "far out in the country" in North Des

*W.L.B.

Moines, later building an "elegant home on Forest Avenue." Doctor Turner invested largely in real estate, and in the spring of 1861 secured a charter and built a bridge over the Raccoon River which captured all the travel from the south. This bridge was carried away by high water in 1865, but was soon rebuilt, being at first a toll bridge, but in 1868 became free.



M. P. TURNER

In 1866 Doctor Turner and U. B. White built a second bridge over the Des Moines River at Court Avenue which was replaced by an iron bridge in 1869.

In 1866 Doctor Turner secured a perpetual charter for a street railway

and with the financial aid of J. S. Polk, Fred M. Hubbell and U. B. White built the first street railroad, and on January 11, 1868, with Doctor Turner at the helm the first horse-drawn street-car appeared on the streets of Des Moines.

Doctor E. J. McGorrick came to Des Moines in 1858, and was active in practice until 1896. During the Civil War he served as assistant surgeon and surgeon of the 17th Iowa Infantry. In 1869 he is listed as a member of the Iowa State Medical Society.

Doctor James Lillie was another homeopathic physician who came in 1859 and practiced here for a period of ten years. He was born in Scotland and was a graduate of the University of Edinburgh.

Doctor Isaac Windle also came in 1859 and was active in practice for 20 years, being interested in both the Polk County and State Medical Societies.

Doctor William Molesworth was an eclectic physician who came to Des Moines in 1859 and remained only a few years. He was noted as a Hebrew and Greek scholar, and one of the translators of the revised edition of the Bible. After leaving here he became professor of ancient languages at the State University of Iowa.

THE WAR YEARS—1861-1865

All of the doctors in Des Moines and Polk County entered military service soon after the beginning of the Civil War, with the exception of the older physicians, Doctors Brooks, Whitman, Ward, Cole, Bennett, Skinner and Dickinson, the others serving as follows:

Brigade Surgeons—C. H. Rawson, 5th Iowa Infantry; Wm. P. Davis, 8th Iowa Infantry.

Surgeons—Alexander Shaw, 4th Iowa Infantry; E. J. McGorrick, 17th Iowa Infantry.

Assistant Surgeons—J. O. Skinner, 10th Iowa Infantry; S. V. Campbell,* 23rd Iowa Infantry; David Beach, 4th Iowa Infantry; E. P. Davis,** 39th Iowa Infantry.

The physicians remaining at home announced early in the war period that the families of all service men would receive medical care without charge, and all throughout the war took an active part in the Soldiers' Families Relief Association of Des Moines.

Means of communication and transportation were different in those years. Mail required two to three days from the eastern part of the state. The telegraph did not come to Des Moines until October, 1863.

Troops had to be transported by stage coach or steamboat. It is recorded that the 23rd Iowa regiment of one thousand men with all accoutrement was transported by the Western Stage Company to Iowa City in three days without interruption of the regular schedule.

It is noted*** in the account of the Fourth of July celebration, 1863, that "Dr. J. C. Bennett, Mayor of Polk City, was Marshal of the day."

Several physicians are listed on the committees preparing the 'celebration' exercises in the last days of the war. In connection with the "Fall of Rich-

mond" April 3, 1865, it is stated the "Savery House was a blaze of lights, being lighted by 375 candles and the same number of oil lamps." It was the same on April 10 for the surrender of Lee's Army, but "on Saturday the 15th of April, came the report that President Lincoln had been shot the night before, and joy over the surrender was now turned to mourning."

There is no record of regular meetings being held by the Polk County Medical Society during the war period, but occasional references would indicate that some form of professional organization was maintained.

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During the sixties a number of new physicians located in Des Moines.

Doctor E. H. Carter came in 1861 to enter the office of his preceptor, Doctor William Molesworth. In 1862 he attended his first course of lectures at the Cincinnati Eclectic Institute, graduating in 1863. He practiced in Des Moines until 1869 when he attended a winter course of lectures at New York University, returning to Des Moines where he continued to practice until his death in 1910.

Soon after the founding of Drake University in 1881, a medical department was established under the name "The Iowa Eclectic Medical College," and the first Faculty announcement lists Doctor Carter as "Professor of the Science and Art of Surgery and Dean of the Faculty." The name of the school was changed in 1883 to "Iowa Medical College" and continued in operation until 1887.

He was a member of the Iowa State Board of Health from 1891 to 1898 and served one year as president.

Doctor Carter had a large following during his forty years of practice in this community and died in 1910 at the age of 74 years.

In 1863 two pioneer dentists, Doctor George W. Fuller and Doctor Thomas A. Hallett, came to Des Moines and were associated in practice. Their fine

*Promoted to Surgeon 1863.

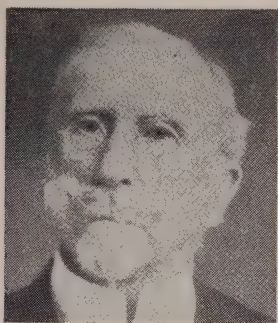
**Son of Brigade Surgeon Wm. P. Davis; killed in action July, 1862.

***Johnson Brigham, History of Des Moines and Polk County, 1911.

training and professional skill distinctly influenced the high standards of dentistry in this community.

A son of Doctor Thomas A. Hallett, Doctor James A. Hallett, later practiced dentistry in Des Moines from 1898 to 1936, when he moved to California. The Hallett Block on West Locust Street is one of their contributions to the structural growth of this city.

In the spring of 1864 **Doctor Archelaus G. Field** came to Des Moines and opened an office in the Savery House. This talented physician, and one of the most versatile and interesting of our medical pioneers, moved here from Corydon in Wayne County, where he had practiced since 1859.



ARCHELAUS G. FIELD

He was born November 15, 1829, in Ontario County, New York, being the son of Doctor Abel W. Field and a brother of Doctor Oredis G. Field, a distinguished surgeon of the Civil War. In 1839 the family moved to Madison County, Ohio, where from 1841 to 1849 the subject of our sketch attended the academies of West Jefferson, London and Worthington, paying for his education and board by teaching and working on a farm.

Having studied medicine with his father, he came to Iowa in 1850 and practiced medicine at Centerville and Unionville. In August, 1851, when his father died, he returned to Ohio to take over his practice. . . . After two years, in 1853, he entered the

office of Professor John Dawson of Columbus and began a course of lectures at Starling Medical College, graduating at the end of the 1853-54 session, his three years' practice being accepted in lieu of one course of lectures. He then practiced at Hillsboro and Faircastle, Ohio, and at Jacinto, Mississippi, where he had a prosperous practice but, with war imminent, he decided to return to Iowa in 1859 and located at Corydon, where he soon developed a successful practice. In 1860 he was elected president of the Wayne County Agricultural Society. After deciding on Des Moines as his future home, he attended courses of lectures at Bellevue Hospital Medical College and College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York, graduating from the latter school in 1864, just missing being valedictorian of his class. While in New York he was also a student in the Bronson School of Elocution at Cooper Institute.

In 1865 he was elected city physician, and a year later physician for Polk County, in which office he helped to establish the County Farm infirmary. He was elected County Coroner in 1868. He served as United States pension examiner from 1866 to 1873.

He soon took an active interest in the Polk County Medical Society, being elected its president in 1869 and serving two years. From his writings and addresses we gain a glimpse of the intellectual calibre of this pioneer physician. His papers read before the Polk County Medical Society in January, 1865, on "Cerebro-spinal Meningitis" and in May, 1866, on "Micro-organisms and Disease," indicated a firm concept of the microbic character of contagion and infection, and forecast what, during his lifetime, became a universally accepted doctrine. The following are abstracted:

1. "That bacteria exist in the air we breathe, the food we eat, and in the secretions of the mouth and other mucus surfaces."
2. "There are many forms of micro-

organisms, but few are poisonous or in any manner concerned with the causation of disease."

3. "That all persons are not equally susceptible to bacterial poisons nor the same person at all times equally so. That there is a still greater difference in susceptibility between different animals, thus rendered animal experimentation uncertain."
4. "That it is the life products of life waste rather than the bodies of the bacteria themselves that embody the poison and that by cleanliness and antiseptics the poisons are diminished, regardless of the presence of the parasites."
5. "That, while the presumption is strong that all infectious and contagious diseases, including epidemics, are due either directly or indirectly to specific forms of germ poisons, there are as yet but a few in which the poison has been satisfactorily identified."

Among other interesting literary contributions is noted his address as president of the Iowa State Medical Society in 1872 on "The Present Attitude of Medical Science," and before the same society in 1874, "Alimentation on Disease." "The Importance of Sanitary Education and Legislation," with copy of "Bill for an Act to establish a State Board of Health" in 1875, the latter being accomplished by legislative act five years later, and "Microscopy in Medicine" in 1876.

He discussed the subject of Sepsis before the Iowa State Association of Railway Surgeons in 1882 with directions for asepsis and antiseptics in surgical technique; this address "was illustrated by twenty photo-micrographic lantern slides of pathological histology and the most familiar pathogenic micro-organisms." Most of these earlier addresses were published in two monographs entitled "Frontprints made in the Dark"—1910; and "Scraps"—1914.

He invented a "Urethral applicator and universal showering syringe for

mucus canals and cavities" which was described and illustrated in the *Philadelphia Medical and Surgical Reporter*, May, 1869. He also developed a "Musculo-tension Meter" to determine the extent of softening of the muscles in paralysis, *Medical Record*, June 10, 1905; also a "universal stand for using the camera and microscope con-jointly" in 1875, described in *Photographic Mosaics*, New York, 1890.

His paper, "Bright Light in School-rooms, a Cause of Myopia," was read before the section in Ophthalmology at the Baltimore session of the American Medical Association in 1895, and published in its *Journal*. It was also read at the Columbus meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and a synopsis appeared in *Popular Science*, July, 1895. In January, 1898, *Popular Science* reported his detailed photograph of the moon, which he took with a box camera through a six-inch telescope. He was one of the pioneers in photomicrography and in appearing before medical and scientific societies he frequently illustrated his subject with photomicrographic lantern slides of his own production.

He was a member of the American Society of Microscopists and a charter member of the Iowa Academy of Sciences.

He attended the meeting of the Iowa State Medical Society for the first time in Davenport in 1867 and was elected to the office of Recording Secretary, and when the State Society met for the first time in Des Moines the following year, Doctor Field was an active member of the local committee of arrangements. Doctor A. G. Field and Doctor H. L. Whitman were the two Des Moines physicians whose signatures appear on the Articles of Incorporation adopted by the State Medical Society in 1868. He served as Secretary until 1872 when he was elected to the presidency of the State Medical Society, the first Des Moines physician to be chosen for that high office. In 1876 Doctor Field was one of the delegates from the State Medical Society to the Interna-

tional Medical Congress in Philadelphia. It was at this Congress that Doctor Joseph Lister of Edinburgh appeared for the first time before an American audience in presenting an address on "Wound Infection."

Doctor Field appeared for the last time before the State Medical Society when it met in Des Moines, May 10, 1922, at the age of ninety-three years, when he made a happy brief address, recalling the fact that it was fifty years since his presidency of the Society.

Doctor Field was also a member of the Iowa State Bar Association, having received a law degree from Simpson Centenary College in 1879, at which time he was also admitted to the Supreme Court, but he never engaged in the practice of law.

He was married to Miss Hattie Weatherby of Cardington, Ohio, in 1877, to which union were born three children.

As a business man Doctor Field had an active part in the development of Des Moines. He located and gave the ground for Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets from University to Forest Avenue. He built more than a mile of paving, curbing and sewers, as well as twenty large houses. All of this enterprise was done alone.

Although not actively engaged in practice during later years, he continued his interest in the County Medical Society and other professional matters. Up to the last year of his life Doctor Field was a frequent figure on the streets of Des Moines. He loved to talk about old books and the remarkable progress in medicine. It was one of life's privileges to have known him.

The end came on May 31, 1924, at the age of ninety-five years.

In 1865 Doctor W. W. Thomas came here, having previously been located in Keokuk. He was born in Maryland, September 24, 1815. After graduation from the LaPorte Medical College in 1846 he practiced several years in Indiana and came to Keokuk in 1857. In 1861 he was commissioned

Surgeon of the 30th Iowa Infantry and placed in charge of the Army hospital at Keokuk. For a short time he was a member of the Faculty of Keokuk Medical College. When Doctor Frank E. English came to Des Moines in 1867, a partnership was formed under the firm name of Thomas and English. They later established a Medical and Surgical Institute for chronic diseases which continued until 1880.

Doctor Henry Cox located in Des Moines in 1866, having previously practiced in Indiana following his graduation in 1853 from the Ohio Medical College. He became an active member of both Polk County and State Medical Societies.

In 1867 Doctor W. S. Grimes entered upon the practice of medicine in Des Moines. There are no data available of his medical training or previous practice. In the *Iowa State Journal* of April 25, 1875, there appeared a news item that "Doctor Grimes had added to his office equipment a therapeutic electro-bath which is very effective in the treatment of acute rheumatism."

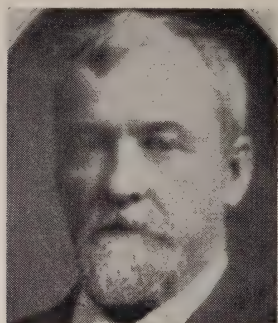
On May 27, 1875, he announced association with Doctor Robert A. Patchin of New York City, who became one of the leading physicians of Des Moines.

The same year, 1867, Doctor Frank E. English,* a graduate of Rush Medical College 1864, moved to Des Moines from Ladoga, Indiana, and formed a partnership with Doctor W. W. Thomas, and a year later his father, Doctor Robert G. English, arrived in Des Moines and entered into the same partnership. In 1870 Doctor F. E. English moved to Altoona where he developed a large practice.

In the late summer of 1868 **Doctor George P. Hanawalt** came to Des Moines to begin practice of medicine and surgery and during the following four decades added distinction to Iowa medicine.

*Grandfather of Mr. Emory H. English of Des Moines.

Doctor Hanawalt was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, September 11, 1836, and received a public school education, supplemented by literary studies at Salem Academy. He began to read medicine in 1859 and while serving as hospital steward at Washington, D. C., he attended lectures at Georgetown University Medical School, graduating in 1864. Soon after graduation he was commissioned Assistant Surgeon U. S. Army, serving until 1868, when he resigned to begin private practice in Des Moines.



GEORGE P. HANAWALT

He early joined the Polk County Medical Society and became its President in 1877. In 1869 he was elected to membership in the State Medical Society, serving as its Secretary in 1871, and in 1879 was elected President, just ten years after coming to Iowa.

Soon after coming to Des Moines he became connected with the Rock Island Railroad as Surgeon, later as Division Surgeon. He was also Surgeon of the Des Moines and Fort Dodge Railway. This soon brought him into prominence in the field of railway surgery. An interesting incident is recorded of this period. In the "Four Mile" railroad wreck August 29, 1877, the P. T. Barnum Circus was involved and most of the injured came under Doctor Hanawalt's care. Mr. Barnum expressed his appreciation of the fine service rendered by Doctor Hanawalt, and he gave a benefit per-

formance which netted about \$12,000 and was turned over to Doctor Hanawalt for the benefit of Cottage Hospital, the first hospital established in Des Moines.

Doctor Hanawalt was prominent in many civic enterprises. For several years he was chief medical advisor of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa and the Iowa Traveling Men's Association. He was Surgeon General of the Iowa National Guard for a period of twenty years. When Crocker Post No. 12, G.A.R., was organized March 12, 1878, George P. Hanawalt was a charter member.

The Des Moines City Board of Education has honored his memory by naming the school on 56th Street the Hanawalt School.

His was a rugged and stimulating personality, and he was never known to refuse a call of service. He died June 19, 1912, at the age of 76 years.

Dr. Aborn, Specialist
from
Washington, D. C., and Pittsburgh

Eye, Ear, Throat and Lungs
Asthma, Heart, Liver and Stomach
at the

Savery Hotel, Des Moines,
Daily, May 8 to June 1, 1869

This advertisement appeared on the front page of the *Daily State Register* throughout May and June, then announced for the first ten days in July at Omaha, Cozzens Hotel; then three days at Council Bluffs, Pacific House, returning to Des Moines July 15th, appearing daily until August 31st, after which the files of the *Register* are incomplete and further records are not available.

Each announcement included the statement "Late Principal and Consulting Physician of the Pittsburgh Medical and Surgical Institute" and "author of a textbook 'Modern Physician,' containing the only picture in America

of William Harvey, the famous English physician and discoverer of the "circulation of the blood," as well as various testimonials of cures. This "ad" covered a full column in small type, at an estimated cost of \$20 per issue, and for the 115 days about \$2,300.

The next year Doctor W. S. Aborn returned to Des Moines and purchased the residence property of B. F. Allen at the corner of Court Avenue and West Fourth Street, with the intention of erecting a large medical institute, but subsequently changed it to a first class hotel, and the Aborn House was opened May 1, 1873.

As to the activities of the Polk County Medical Society following the Civil War and for the remaining period of the sixties, there are again only limited records available. There are no officers listed for 1865-66-67, yet evidently society meetings were held.

It was noted that Doctor A. G. Field read a paper before the Society in January, 1865, and in May, 1866. Again an item in the *Iowa State Register* states that "the stage fare of Des Moines physicians attending the annual meeting of the State Medical Society is reduced one-third by order of Colonel Hooker of the Western Stage Company." Another news item states that "Doctor Wm. P. Davis died October 10, 1867, while attending a meeting of the Polk County Medical Society."

It is of interest to note the record that is available of the first meeting in Des Moines of the Iowa State Medical Society, February 5 and 6, 1868. This was the first time that the Polk County Society acted as hosts to the State Society. During the succeeding eighty-three years it carried out this function at fifty-two annual sessions. From the Transactions of the State Society, 1868, we take the following:

"Doctor H. L. Whitman, President of the Polk County Medical Society, welcomed the members from abroad in an appropriate and well received address." Among the members of the

State Society are listed: A. G. Field, J. O. Skinner and D. V. Cole.* Of the twelve new members elected are included H. L. Whitman, W. H. Ward and C. H. Rawson of Des Moines.

The most important action taken at this session was the adoption of the Articles of Incorporation of the Iowa State Medical Society. Doctors H. L. Whitman and A. G. Field were among the five signers of these articles. The signatures were witnessed by F. M. Hubbell,** Notary Public of Des Moines.

At this meeting Doctor H. L. Whitman was elected one of the Censors and Doctor A. G. Field, Recording Secretary and Delegate to the American Medical Association.

It is evident that the entertainment provided for the members of the State Society was pleasing, but led to the adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That while our thanks are due to the members of the Polk County Medical Society for the provision for our entertainment on the occasion of this our first meeting in the City of Des Moines, yet, as we are to continue to meet annually in this city, and as their tendency is to an unnecessary expenditure of money, and to consume time too valuable to be thus employed, we advise them to refrain from such preparation or entertainments in the future."

An interesting addition to medical circles was the coming of **Doctor Joseph Forrest Kennedy** to Des Moines in 1870. He had previously practiced at Tipton in Cedar County since 1858, except for the period of military service in the Civil War.

He was born of Scottish ancestry, January 31, 1834, near Landisburg, Perry County, Pennsylvania. After a

*Charter member and first vice president, Polk County Medical Society, October, 1851.

**F. M. Hubbell, founder of Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa, and for many years a leading citizen of Des Moines.

preparatory course in Williamsburg Academy he entered Dickinson College, graduating in 1855 with the degree of A.B., receiving the degree A.M. a year later.

He entered Jefferson Medical College in the fall of 1856, spent the next year with his preceptor, Doctor Isaac Purcell at Shamokin, Pennsylvania, and graduated in 1858 from the medical department of the University of New York City, after which he located at Tipton, Iowa, for the practice of medicine. The next year he moved to Mechanicsville.



JOSEPH FORREST KENNEDY

In 1861 he was commissioned, after examination, as Assistant Surgeon in the regular Army Medical Corps. He was assigned to Washington in charge of four army hospitals, receiving the wounded from the Virginia campaigns.

In October, 1862, he developed a protracted illness, compelling him to resign and he returned to practice in Tipton, Iowa, where he remained until his removal to Des Moines in 1870.

In the first year of the Medical Department of the State University at Iowa City he served as Professor of Obstetrics during the winter term of 1869-70.

He was an active member of the Polk County Medical Society and served as president in 1882. He was assistant secretary of the State Medical Society from 1873 to 1876 and secretary to 1883.

From 1882 to 1886 he served as Professor of Obstetrics and Diseases of Children in the Iowa College of

Physicians and Surgeons, later the Medical Department of Drake University.

In 1885 he became Secretary of the Iowa State Board of Health, serving for 22 years, resigning in 1907. In this important post he had a large responsibility in the licensing of physicians during the early operation of Iowa's first Medical Practice Act.

As editor of the monthly bulletin of the State Board of Health he made valuable contributions to the advancement of public health in Iowa. He was a member of the American Public Health Association and the American Academy of Medicine. He died September 26, 1908, in Los Angeles, California, at the age of 74 years.

The distinction of the longest period of practice of any of the medical pioneers of Polk County belongs to **Doctor James Taggart Priestley**, who came to Des Moines in 1874, retiring from practice in 1924, after fifty years of devoted medical service to this community. He typified that rare combination of the beloved physician and cultured clinician of these later days. He was a physician by heritage, being the great grandson of Doctor Joseph Priestley, the discoverer of oxygen, who settled in Northumberland, Pennsylvania, and lived there until his death in 1804. Here our Doctor Priestley was born July 19, 1852. He began the study of medicine with his uncle, Doctor Joseph T. Priestley, and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1872. He practiced for a year in Northumberland, then came to Polk City, remaining about six months, after which he located in Des Moines in 1874.

He developed a large practice and was widely recognized as a consultant in internal medicine. For a period of fifteen years he was Professor of Medicine in the Drake University Medical School. He served as President of the Polk County Medical Society in 1881 and the Iowa State Medical Society in 1903. He was active in the American Medical Association, being Chair-

man of the Section on the Practice of Medicine in 1896-97, and a member of the Board of Trustees from 1894-1900.

He was for many years medical director of the Royal Union Life Insurance Company. During the Spanish-American War he was Surgeon General of the Iowa National Guard, with the rank of colonel.



JAMES TAGGART PRIESTLEY

He was honored by a "Festschrift" number of the *Journal of the Iowa State Medical Society* of October, 1915, recognizing his forty years of practice.

He was a friend of Doctor William Osler and Doctor Frank Billings and had a wide acquaintance with the leading medical men of his time. As a great world traveler he was familiar with medical conditions in other countries.

He passed from our midst on December 11, 1925, at the age of 73 years, his death being due to chronic heart disease. A worthy son, Doctor Crayke S. Priestley, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1894 and, after a year of graduate study in Europe, located in Des Moines. He

rapidly gained prominence in medical circles, but just at the threshold of a promising career, he succumbed to an attack of acute pneumonia in 1904, mourned by a host of friends and admirers.

Two grandsons carry on the name, Doctor Joseph Biddle Priestley, surgeon in Des Moines, and Doctor James Taggart Priestley II, surgeon, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.

During the four years 1871, 72, 73, and 74, there is no record of officers elected by the Polk County Medical Society.

The Transactions of the State Society for the years 1871-74 indicate the physicians of Des Moines attending as delegates, and at the meeting in 1874 three delegates are listed as representing the Polk County Medical Society. In 1875 Society officers were duly elected, with Doctor C. H. Rawson as president, and again in 1876 with Doctor J. O. Skinner as president.

A news item in the *State Register* of January 27, 1875, states that "The board of supervisors yesterday re-elected Doctor D. V. Cole as county physician and fixed the fee at \$600 per year."

As far as can be determined the following 18 doctors were practicing in Des Moines in 1876: David Beach, J. A. Blanchard, E. H. Carter, D. V. Cole, Henry Cox, W. H. Dickinson, R. G. English, W. S. Grimes, G. P. Hanawalt, A. O. Hunter, J. F. Kennedy, E. J. McGorrick, J. T. Priestley, C. H. Rawson, J. O. Skinner, W. W. Thomas, H. L. Whitman and Isaac Windle, as well as F. E. English in Altoona, A. C. Simonton in Mitchellville and G. F. Hubbard in Polk City.

PART III

1876-1901

In the late seventies and early eighties changes began to be noted both in the appearance of physicians and methods of practice. While saddlebags were still advertised in medical journals, they were rapidly being superseded by the horse and buggy, and the doctor's bag. The most affluent of the practitioners vied with each other in elegance of their equipage, and the doctor's carriage or coupe, drawn by a prancing team of thoroughbreds, began to be seen on the streets of Des Moines.

Of significant influence in this period was the establishing of the first general hospital in Des Moines, the Cottage Hospital, in 1876. This was a community enterprise. This hospital of about 30 beds was located on Fourth Street opposite the present site of Mercy Hospital. The first attending staff included Doctors George P. Hanawalt, Charles D. Rawson, W. H. Ward, A. G. Field, James T. Priestley, Henry Cox and Isaac Windle.

Its beginning was difficult, but a year later an event happened of great import to the new hospital. On August 29, 1877, occurred the "four mile railroad wreck" in which the P. T. Barnum Circus was involved. There were 17 deaths and 31 injured. The latter were cared for by Doctor George P. Hanawalt at Cottage Hospital. Mr. Barnum was so appreciative of the excellent care administered the injured, that he gave a benefit performance and turned over the proceeds of \$12,000 to Doctor Hanawalt for the use of Cottage Hospital. This hospital was the first to meet the needs of the Des Moines area and continued to serve this community until after the opening of Mercy Hospital in 1894.

At this time the profession was greatly saddened by the untimely death of Dr. George F. Hubbard of Polk City at the age of 35 years. In a memorial sketch by Dr. J. F. Kennedy*

we note that Doctor Hubbard was born at Ipswich, Massachusetts, May 12, 1841. He attended his first course of medical lectures at Harvard University and the next at Dartmouth College where he was graduated October 28, 1864. After serving a year in the army as assistant surgeon he came to Polk County in October, 1865, where he practiced until his death.

He became a member of the Polk County Medical Society in 1873 and the State Society in 1874. "In December, 1876, he visited friends in the east and attended a four-week course of lectures at Harvard Medical School and left for his western home, expecting to reach it Saturday, December 30, 1876. His route lay by way of the Ashtabula Bridge and here within 24 hours of home, his life went out. . . . His mutilated remains find a resting place after 11 years of incessant toil in his profession, in Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines."*

The Polk County Medical Society began to hold regular meetings and its members began to take an active interest in Medical Society organization and frequently appeared on the program of State and National Associations.

New names began to appear on the roster of the County Society. The number of practicing physicians increased although all did not become affiliated with the County Medical Society. There were a number of homeopathic and eclectic physicians who belonged to their own particular society.

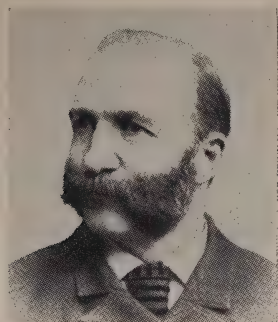
In the first directory of Iowa physicians published in 1878† there are 66 physicians listed in Polk County of which only 20 are listed as members of the Polk County Medical Society and included the following: H. L. Whitman, J. O. Skinner, A. G. Field, David V. Cole, B. L. Steele, George P. Hanawalt, Isaac Windle, J. Bow-

*Trans. Iowa St. Med. Soc. 1870.

†The Medical and Surgical Directory 1878-79, Chas. H. Lathrop, M.D., Clinton, 1878.

*Trans. Iowa State Medical Society 1877-8, p. 62.

man, William Hinshaw, James T. Priestley, C. H. Rawson, W. H. Ward, Alex Shaw, E. J. McGorrick, Joseph F. Kennedy, J. A. Blanchard, A. C. Simonton, J. W. McDowell, E. R. Hutchins, and C. Lundgren. Some of the physicians who were to exert a profound influence on the progress of medicine in this community came to Des Moines during this period.



HOMER R. PAGE

Among these was Dr. Homer R. Page, who added distinctly to the medical life of Des Moines. He was born in Milan, Ohio, October 17, 1842, and at 10 years of age moved with his parents to near Iowa City so he early experienced the life of the frontier. After serving as a private in the Civil War, he attended Grinnell College and after graduation was appointed to the chair of Latin and Greek at Western College. He entered the Medical department of the State University at Iowa City in 1869 and graduated in 1871.

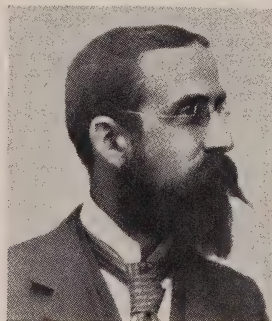
After practicing at New Sharon, Iowa, he came to Des Moines, having an office on the east side adjoining that of Dr. James T. Priestley. He was Professor of Physiology and then of Obstetrics in the Iowa College of Physicians and Surgeons (Drake University) from 1884 until his death November 5, 1891. He succumbed to a malignancy of the pancreas at the untimely age of 50 years. In a *Memo-riam** special tribute is given to his high professional attainments:

*Vis Medicatrix — Dec., 1891, p. 226 — Woods Hutchinson, M.D.

"Though a man of peculiarly modest and unassuming disposition, he had not only attained an unusual degree of skill and success in his profession but was of broad and liberal culture and a classic scholar of no mean order. It was the pure, true, lovable character of the man that most impressed all who knew him."

He served the County Society as president in 1886, and just twenty years later his son Dr. Addison C. Page was elected to the same position, thus affording the only instance in the history of this society of two generations being honored by election to the presidency.

In 1879, Doctor David W. Smouse came to Des Moines, and he was destined to have a prominent part in the medical life of this community during the following four decades. He was a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1876 after which he practiced three years at Monroe, Iowa, before coming to Des Moines. He soon developed a large practice, giving special attention to obstetrics and gynecology and, being a shrewd business man, amassed a comfortable fortune. He had a large part in the beginning of the Central Life Insurance Company. Doctor Smouse was an extensive traveler, having once encircled the globe. He served the Polk County Medical Society twice



DAVID W. SMOUSE

as president in 1891 and 1913. In 1916 he removed his residence to California but returned frequently for a visit until his death twenty years later.

In 1929 he established the D. W. Smouse Opportunity School for handicapped children at a cost of \$325,000. It is a model institution of its kind in this country. Its benefactions cannot be estimated, but the names of Doctor and Mrs. D. W. Smouse will be gratefully remembered by this and coming generations.

About this time two further new names are noted: Dr. W. W. Hale, a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Keokuk (1878) came in 1878 and carried on active practice here until 1911 when he retired to take up his residence in California. He served as president of the County Society in 1892 and was a frequent delegate to the State Society meetings. He presented an interesting report on *Materia Medica* at the Cedar Rapids meeting in 1885. Dr. Hale was Professor of *Materia Medica* in Iowa College of Physicians and Surgeons, Drake University, from 1887 to 1894.

Dr. L. C. Swift, also a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Keokuk (1877), was an active practitioner during the eighties and early nineties. His name appeared frequently on County and State Society programs. Of special interest was the paper on Uterine Fibroids presented at the meeting of the State Society in Council Bluffs, May 17, 1883. In the July, 1883, issue of the *Iowa State Medical Reporter* he reported a case of perforating duodenal ulcer and general peritonitis with autopsy findings. In September of that year he reported a case of aneurism of the coeliac axis.

In 1881 three interesting physicians were added to the medical profession of Des Moines. Doctor James W. Cokenower, a graduate of two medical schools, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Keokuk in 1877 and the Kentucky School of Medicine, Louisville, in 1880, coming here a year later. He confined his practice largely to orthopedic surgery, being a first specialist in this branch west of Chicago and was a teacher in this subject at the Drake University Medical School

for twenty years. He was one of the founders of the Iowa Children's Home and always took an active interest in its various functions.

The Polk County Medical Society honored him with the presidency in 1887 and 1893, and he served as secretary of the Iowa State Medical Society from 1894 to 1901.

Doctor Cokenower was of tall stature, of handsome appearance and always dressed well. On special occasions he usually wore a Prince Albert coat and a tall silk hat and carried a gold headed cane.

For a number of years he organized and conducted medical travel tours, some of them to Europe, in connection with the meetings of the American Medical Association, all of which were very successful. His death occurred on April 16, 1929.

Another name frequently noted in State and County Medical records is that of Doctor Daniel W. Finlayson, who began his practice here in 1881. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Medicine in 1875 and Bellevue Hospital Medical School, New York, in 1880. He soon became recognized as a well educated and skillful physician and established a large practice. He was a lover of fine horses and his fine carriage and team of thoroughbreds was one of the attractions of the city.

He was a member of the faculty of Iowa College of Physicians and Surgeons of Des Moines Medical department of Drake University from 1887 to 1898, serving as professor of anatomy. His surgical discussions as published indicated a thorough knowledge of anatomical relations. In 1895 he was elected president of the Polk County Medical Society.

He continued in active practice until a few years before his death on July 7, 1927, at the age of 80 years. His daughter Jessie is the wife of Doctor Floyd W. Rice, obstetrician, of Des Moines.

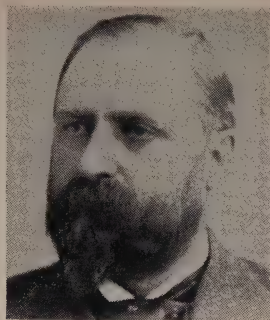
Doctor R. J. Farquharson came to Des Moines soon after the State Board

of Health was established in 1900 to become the first secretary of this board. He was privileged to live but a short period of four years in this community, but he left the impress of his scholarship and fine literary ability as well as his rich professional attainments. As a student of the natural sciences he devoted his energies largely in the direction of disease in the new light of a proven germ theory and prophylaxis. He entered upon his new duties fully conscious of his responsibility to advance the interests of preventive medicine and sanitation throughout the state.

He was born in Nashville, Tennessee, July 15, 1824, and graduated in Liberal Arts from the University of Nashville, and in medicine from the University of Pennsylvania when only 20 years of age. After serving a year's internship in Blockley Hospital, Philadelphia, he practiced in New Orleans from 1845 to 1847, when he entered the U. S. Navy as assistant surgeon, and during the following eight years had extensive opportunities to visit a great deal of the world, besides gaining a large and varied professional experience. He began the practice of medicine in Nashville in 1855, until the breaking out of the Civil War, when he became an exile for a number of years because of his strong Union proclivities, but returned after the occupation of Nashville by the Federal forces. He came to Davenport in 1868 where he continued in practice until coming to Des Moines in 1880. His death on September 6, 1884, was deeply mourned by his colleagues and resolutions of regret and tribute were adopted by the State Medical, Scott County and Polk County Medical Societies.

In 1882 Doctor Lewis Schooler, one of the most colorful medical personalities of his period, came into membership of the Polk County Medical Society. He was born March 17, 1848, at Columbia, Indiana; at 16 years of age he enlisted in the army and served during the last year of the Civil War. He was graduated from the Kentucky School of Medicine. Louisville, in

1878 and after practicing four years in Sheldahl, Iowa, he located in Des Moines.



LEWIS SCHOOLER

He soon became a recognized leader of the profession and was Professor of Surgery and Dean of the Drake University School of Medicine from 1887 to 1903. He was president of the Polk County Medical Society in 1888 and of the State Medical Society in 1894. Doctor Schooler gained considerable reputation as a medical expert in medico-legal cases. His imposing presence made him an interesting and forceful witness. He died October 10, 1928, at the age of 80 years.

In July, 1883, the first number appeared of the *Iowa State Medical Reporter*, edited by Doctor F. E. Cruttenden of Des Moines with Doctor L. C. Swift as associate. This was the first medical journal published in Des Moines. It was first published as a monthly, and then bi-monthly; the last number Volume IV was issued February 1, 1888, when it was discontinued because of the illness of the editor.

The proceedings of the State Medical Society and many of the district and county societies were published in this journal. The editorials of Doctor Cruttenden on medical education, the new practice act, and medical legislation make good reading today.

Doctor Cruttenden was a graduate in medicine of the University of Buffalo, 1877, and after coming to Des Moines in 1882 restricted his practice to diseases of the eye, ear and throat. He published articles on obstruction of the lachrymal canal, voice culture and

coloboma of the choroid. He served as president of the Polk County Medical Society in 1885. His death occurred in April, 1896.

In the early eighties medical education had its beginning in Des Moines in the establishment of several medical schools. Drake University was organized in 1881, and according to Doctor Fairchild.* "It was believed by the scholarly men who made up the official body of the university, that the term "eclectic" meant a broader conception of medicine than any other system, and was more in accordance with a devoutly religious faculty."

Drake University catalogue for the year 1881-1882 announced the Iowa Eclectic Medical College as the medical department of Drake University, with the following faculty: G. T. Carpenter, A.M., president; O. H. P. Shoemaker, M.D., practice of medicine; John Cooper, M.D., anatomy; J. L. Bennett, M.D., materia medica; John Conaway, M.D., obstetrics; W. H. Kent, M.S., chemistry; and E. H. Carter, M.D., dean and professor of surgery.

This college functioned as a department of Drake University until 1887 when the last class was graduated. During its six years a total of sixty students were graduated.

In 1883 the school dropped the "eclectic" and became the Iowa Medical College. After the school was refused further affiliation with Drake University in 1887, its faculty reorganized as an independent school with John Cooper, M.D., as president and dean, taking the original title of Iowa Eclectic Medical College but suspended all activity about 1893. During this period, trouble arose within the faculty of Drake University, and in 1883 Doctor O. H. P. Shoemaker resigned and organized a private medical school known as the King Eclectic Medical College, which continued until 1889.

IOWA COLLEGE
of
PHYSICIANS and SURGEONS
1882 - 1886
of
DRAKE UNIVERSITY
1886 - 1913

As early as 1875 Doctor A. G. Field, with Doctors J. F. Kennedy, J. A. Blanchard, James T. Priestley, and D. S. Fairchild (Ames), began an agitation for the establishment of a regular medical school in Des Moines. Iowa already had two regular medical schools, one at Keokuk, and the other at Iowa City. However, loyalty to a growing city, and an ambition to have a medical school connection prevailed among the group, and in April, 1882, articles of incorporation were completed for the Iowa College of Physicians and Surgeons, to be established as an independent private school. Much praise and credit must be given the founders of this school, among whom were some of Iowa's most prominent physicians. They, under difficult circumstances and even with considerable opposition from the medical profession, made a large sacrifice of time, energy and finances to insure that the instruction and scholastic standing of the new school should be maintained at a high level.

The faculty at the opening of the first term in October, 1882, comprised: J. A. Blanchard, M.D., practice of medicine and dean; A. C. Simonton, M.D., surgery; J. F. Kennedy, M.D., obstetrics; W. H. Ward, M.D., gynecology; J. T. Priestley, M.D., anatomy; L. C. Swift, M.D., physiology; T. E. Pope, M.S., (Iowa State College) chemistry; D. S. Fairchild, M.D., (Ames) pathology and microscopy; E. H. Hazen, M.D., (Davenport) eye and ear; F. E. Cruttenden, M.D., throat and nasal passages; Judge C. C. Nourse, medical jurisprudence; C. M. Colvin, M.D., demonstrator of anatomy.

*D. S. Fairchild, M.D., History of Medicine in Iowa.

Doctor J. A. Blanchard, the first dean, served for two years, and was succeeded by Dr. D. S. Fairchild of Ames, who served until 1886, when Doctor Lewis Schooler was made dean. It was largely through the efforts of Doctor Schooler that the Iowa College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1886 became the medical department of Drake University.

There were a number of faculty changes when the university affiliation was accomplished: Doctor Fairchild, Ames, to medicine and pathology; Doctor Priestley, clinical medicine; Doctor H. Landley Getz, Marshalltown, obstetrics; Doctor Schooler, dean, anatomy and surgery; Doctor W. W. Hale, materia medica; Doctor Homer R. Page, hygiene and physiology; Doctor Robert Stephenson, gynecology; Doctor Robert McNutt, psychologic medicine; Doctor C. E. Cherry, demonstrator of anatomy; Doctor Woods Hutchinson, hygiene; Doctor A. J. Crawford, orthopedics; and Doctor W. H. L. Matthews, dissecting.

The Cottage Hospital was used for clinical teaching. As the courses were almost entirely didactic lectures, these were held in suitable rooms in the upper floors of a "building adjoining the old Register building on Court Avenue." Laboratories were not necessary except for dissection, and as cadavers were very hard to obtain even such a room was not in great need.

In the middle eighties several physicians located in Des Moines who were destined for leadership in the profession. One of the most successful practitioners of the period was Doctor Thomas F. Kelleher, who located in Des Moines in 1884, after having graduated from the medical department, State University of Iowa, in 1878, and practiced six years in Warren County.

He was a faithful attendant at County and State Society meetings, and frequently served as delegate to the American Medical Association. He also attended short postgraduate courses in Chicago and New York each year.

He was greatly interested in the

development and growth of Mercy Hospital, after its establishment in 1894, and was president of the board of trustees for ten years. He was a tireless worker and at all times exemplified the ideals of the family medical advisor and his patients were naturally devoted to him. The writer* recalls accompanying Dr. Kelleher during the winter of 1910-11 to Guthrie Center in consultation, when the thermometer was twenty degrees below zero, and the snow six feet deep, and on another occasion in mid-January to Clarinda, to perform an autopsy (insurance claim) in the cemetery. He died on January 3, 1916, at the age of 61 years.

Another interesting personality was Doctor Woods Hutchinson who came to Des Moines in 1885, having been graduated from the University of Michigan in 1884. He was a classmate of Doctor William J. Mayo.

Although he remained here only about six years he became widely known by reason of his scientific and cultural attainments. He was an unusually fluent speaker and interesting writer and his name appeared frequently on county, state and national programs. At the meeting of the State Society in 1886 he presented a paper on Health Insurance, which attracted a great deal of interest and was later published in the *Journal* of the American Medical Association.

When the Prairie Club of Des Moines was organized in 1890 he served as its first secretary. During 1890 and 1891 he edited *Vis Medica-trix*, an interesting medical journal established to publish the proceedings of the State Medical Society. It continued only through six bi-monthly issues, but was a fine type of medical journalism.

At the Waterloo meeting of the State Medical Society he presented a paper on "Some Suggestions Upon the Nature and Cause of Eczema," which so impressed the dean and members of the medical faculty at Iowa City who were present, that it led to his appoint-

*W. L. B.

ment to the chair of anatomy, which professorship he took over in October, 1891. He remained in Iowa City six years, and then accepted the chair of comparative pathology at the University of Buffalo. He later became a lecturer on the same subject at the University of London.

He was a nephew of Sir Jonathan Hutchinson, the distinguished English ophthalmologist, surgeon and dermatologist. He early became interested in the control of tuberculosis, and during 1904-5 was the first health officer of Portland, Oregon. The last twenty years of his life were devoted largely to literary pursuits. He was an extensive world traveler, and a frequent contributor to the *Saturday Evening Post*, as well as the author of several books on popular medical subjects. He died in Brookline, Massachusetts, April 26, 1930.

Doctor W. C. Pipino, M.D., (University of Maryland, 1873) practiced only ten years in Des Moines, from 1886 to 1896, yet he became known as one of the leading specialists in eye and ear diseases in the state. He was secretary of the Capitol District Medical Society, of which two June meetings, 1890 and 1891, are recorded. These were conducted as clinical programs, and seemed to attract considerable interest from the surrounding territory.

During 1888 and 1889 he was secretary of the Polk County Medical Society. Doctor Pipino is remembered also because of his handsome personal appearance. When mounted on one of his fine horses, he presented a striking figure. His death came June 3, 1896, at the age of 45 years, resulting from a fall from his horse, causing a fracture of the skull.

In reviewing the medical publications* of this period, frequent references are noted to Des Moines and Polk County physicians, and such data to a large extent form the basis of this

*Trans. Ia. St. Med. Soc., 1872-1908; Ia. St. Med. Rep., 1883-8; Ia. Med. Jour., 1895-1914; Tri-State Med. Jour., 1895-8.

historical narrative. The annual sessions of the Iowa Medical Society, especially when held in Des Moines, offered frequent opportunity for participation in programs and a constant stimulus for medical progress. Before the Transactions of the State Society appeared in 1872, there was no record of publications by our members except as stated in the previous part of this history. In the earlier proceedings of the State Society the name of Dr. A. G. Field appears most frequently. He presided as President in 1872, the first Des Moines physician so honored. At the Marshalltown meeting in 1873, only Dr. Field and Dr. J. F. Kennedy were present, the latter being Assistant Secretary. In 1874, Dr. Field discussed "Alimentation of Disease," and Dr. D. V. Cole** "Chronic Conjunctivitis." In 1875 Dr. J. A. Blanchard offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That this Society recognizing the necessity of a preliminary education, as a preparation for the study of the science of medicine and surgery, request the respective medical colleges of our State to fix their standard of admission to medical schools, on a par with that required to enter the literary department of the State University."

An additional clause was adopted "that a similar request be made of physicians who take students into their office, or under their tuition."

At the State Society meeting in 1876, Doctors Simonton and Blanchard discussed "Trichina Spiralis." At this session Doctor Blanchard also offered a resolution for the Society to commend and support a bill before the General Assembly to establish a State Board of Health.***

In 1877 Dr. J. F. Kennedy was named Secretary of the State Society. At the session in 1878 the Polk County Medical Society was represented by James T. Priestley, J. Bowman, Jr. (M.D., Miami Med. Coll., '73), and J. W. McDowell (M.D., Jeff. Med. Coll., '66). Dr. J. A. Blanchard read a report on "Electricity and Its Thera-

**Charter member of Polk County Med. Soc., 1851.

***State Board of Health established by legislative act in 1880.

peutical Application," and Dr. C. H. Rawson on "Puerperal Convulsions."

At the Davenport session in 1879, a report on a Seal for the Society presented by the Committee of J. F. Kennedy, A. G. Field and G. P. Hanawalt was adopted, the seal to cost five dollars. At this meeting Dr. George P. Hanawalt was elected President of the State Society, the second Des Moines physician to be chosen for the high office. The 1880 session convened in Des Moines January 27, 28 and 29, with President Hanawalt in the chair. Dr. A. C. Simonton presented a paper on "Pelvic Haematocoele caused by rupture of a blood vessel during childbirth."* Polk County was represented by the following delegates: F. E. Cruttenden, H. R. Page, Isaac Windle and William Hinshaw (M.D., Coll. P & S, Keokuk, '75).

In this issue of the Transactions (1879-80) a complete list of the officers of the Polk County Medical Society is published: President, W. H. Ward; First Vice President, J. Bowman, Jr.; Second Vice President, Homer R. Page; Recording Secretary, F. E. Cruttenden; Corresponding Secretary, James T. Priestley; Treasurer, A. C. Simonton; Censors, Doctors Blanchard, Kennedy and Rawson. Number of members 23, annual meeting first Tuesday in May.

At the Dubuque session in 1881, the delegates from the Polk County Medical Society were L. C. Swift, R. A. Patchin and H. Pritchard (M.D., Rush Med. Coll., '80). Also present were Doctors J. F. Kennedy (Secretary), R. J. Farquharson, James T. Priestley and J. A. Blanchard. The principal entertainment offered by the citizens of Dubuque was a ride on the steamer "Key City" about ten miles down the Mississippi river. Among the "brief and lively speeches, sparkling with wit and good humor" special mention is made of the one by Dr. Patchin of Des Moines.

At the session in 1882, the following were Polk County delegates: W.

W. Hale; C. M. Colvin (M.D., Ohio Med., '78); Edith M. Gould (M.D., Women's Med., Pa., '78); J. S. Baker (M.D., Chi. Med., '73); A. L. Worden (M.D., Mich., '79); J. W. McKee (M.D., Cleveland Med., '70), and H. S. Farr (M.D., S.U.I., '79). Dr. L. C. Scott presented a paper on "Puerperal Pyelitis,"* and J. A. Blanchard on "Inversion of the Uterus."* Dr. W. H. Ward presented an obituary tribute on Charles W. Davis** (M.D., Rush, '53) of Indianola, who deceased on July 30, 1881.

At the Council Bluffs session in 1883, the following were delegates from Polk County: J. W. Cokenower, J. W. Adams (M.D., Rush Med., '81); E. J. McGorrick (M.D., St. Louis Univ., '56); Robt. McNutt*** (M.D., Jeff. Med., '51) and D. W. Smouse.

Dr. L. C. Swift† presented a paper on "Uterine Fibroids," and Dr. W. W. Hale on "New Remedies." A special vote of thanks was extended to J. F. Kennedy for his fine services as Secretary of the State Society. Dr. A. C. Simonton was elected Assistant Secretary.

Interesting articles by Des Moines physicians were published in the volumes I and II of the Iowa State Medical Reporter, 1883-5: "Placenta Previa Complications and Death" by James T. Priestley, M.D. (July, 1883); "Acne—one mode of treatment—report of cases" by F. E. Cruttenden, M.D. (July, 1883). "An Important Case—Fracture of Pubes and Scapula—Erysipelas—Recovery" by Lewis Schooler, M.D. (Nov., 1883); "Hot Water in the Treatment of Gonorrhea" by H. C. Eschbach, M.D. (July, 1884)††.

The thirty-fourth session of the State Society met in Des Moines, May 21, 22 and 23, 1884, the delegates from Polk County being I. P. Brubaker

*Trans. Ia. St. Med. Soc., 1881-2, p. 103 and 87.

**His son W. C. Davis, Indianola (M.D., Coll. P & S Keokuk '78), member of Polk Co. Med. Soc.

***Formerly practiced at Malvern, Iowa.

†Trans. Ia. St. Med. Soc., 1883-5.

††Read before the Polk County Medical Society July 1, 1884.

*Trans. Ia. St. Med. Soc., Vol. 4, 1879-80.

(M.D., Jeff., '81); H. C. Eschbach* (M.D., Univ. Pa., '83); O. D. Benson (M.D., Rush Med., '79); Azuba D. King (M.D., S.U.I., '76), and D. W. Finlayson, Des Moines; B. B. Guyer (M.D., Long Isl. Hosp. Med. Coll., '79), Grimes; W. H. Booth (M.D., S.U.I., '77), Altoona; and E. W. Kearby (M.D., Ky. Sch. Med., '81) of Elkhart.

The following papers were presented by members of Polk County Society: "Locomotor Ataxia" by D. W. Smouse; "Bi-chloride of Mercury in Surgery" by George P. Hanawalt**; "Treatment of Obstruction of the Lachrymal Duct" by F. E. Crutten-den** and "Leprosy" by R. J. Farquharson**, in which the causative agent *Bacillus Leprae* was described and seven cases reported in Iowa, all of which had died by 1879.

The most interesting contribution to the program was the report by Dr. M. G. Sloan of Dexter, of a case of "Acute Peri-typhlitis" in which Dr. George P. Hanawalt served as surgical consultant.

The principal clinical facts cited were:

"Male, 25 years, first seen May 12, 1883, previous good health. Onset severe pain right inguinal region, fever, with palpable deep seated fluctuating tumor, evident result of perityphlitic inflammation. Treatment, rest, local hot fomentations, morphine to relieve pain. Three days later removed one-half ounce of pus by aspiration, and each morning following removed 6 to 12 ounces of thick pus with decidedly fecal odor. Eleven days later seen by Doctor Hanawalt of Des Moines in consultation, who advised incision by the side of aspirator needle, which was done. At first no pus appeared, but 48 hours later an abundant discharge appeared including a 'white hog's bristle' two inches in length, which had probably been swallowed by the patient and passed into the vermiform appendix, causing irritation, resulting in perityphlitis. On May 31 symptoms of general peritonitis, and death occurred on June 5, 1883, at 9:30 a.m., 20 days after onset of illness. An autopsy on

June 6 revealed acute general peritonitis with extensive adhesions and abscess cavity about appendix vermiformis."

The author expresses the regret "that an incision was not made earlier, and hopes that narration of this case will enlist greater interest in such cases and their management."*

A notice appears in the Iowa State Medical Reporter, April, 1884, that—

"The annual meeting of the Polk County Medical Society was held in their rooms May 6, 1884. There were but a few present and papers and reports were held over until the June meeting. The following is a list of officers elected for the ensuing years: President, A. C. Simonton; first vice president, C. M. Colvin; second vice president, L. Schooler; recording secretary, S. M. Rice; corresponding secretary, J. T. Priestley; treasurer, W. W. Hale; censors, Doctors Priestley, Blanchard and Hale."

At the meeting of Polk County Medical Society September 7, 1884, a committee was appointed consisting of Doctors Field, Brubaker and Colvin, to prepare resolutions in reference to the death of Dr. R. J. Farquharson on September 6, 1884; the same was adopted contained the following: "Resolved, that in the death of Dr. R. J. Farquharson, this Society has lost one of its most honored members; the cause of sanitary science an able and efficient laborer; and society at large a friend and benefactor."

The Cedar Rapids session in 1885 was called to order by Dr. H. C. Huntsman† of Oskaloosa as president, which was of local interest. The delegates from Polk County were Woods Hutchinson, T. W. Shearer (M.D., Coll. P & S, Chi., '84), L. Redmond (M.D., Rush Med., '65), and Mary D. Frederick (M.D., Coll. P & S, Keokuk, '84). Doctor Hanawalt presented a brief report on the Section on Medicine, regarding the use of the newer drugs, specially muriate of cocaine, which was

*This is evidently the first published report in Iowa of a case of "acute peri-typhlitis" with abscess formation about the appendix vermiformis and general acute peritonitis. Reginald H. Fitz, M.D., Boston, first described the pathology of the vermiform appendix and named the disease appendicitis in 1886. Am. J. Med. Sc., Oct., 1886.

†H. C. Huntsman (M.D., Univ. Mich. '51), Lafayette-Polk Co., was a charter member of Polk County Med. Soc. organized at Fort Des Moines Oct. 24, 1851.

*Practiced in Des Moines from 1883 to 1886, then two years in Monroe, after which he located in Albia where he practiced until his death March 25, 1927. He served as president of the Iowa State Med. Soc. in 1915.

**Trans. Ia. St. Med. Soc., 1883-5.

discussed by Doctors Priestley and Swift. Further papers were by L. C. Swift on "Spinal Irritation as a Distinct Affection,"* by T. W. Shearer on "The Metabolism of the Animal Body,"* and "Vocal Gymnastics and Their Use in Diseases of the Throat and Nasal Passages" by F. E. Crutten-den. Memorials were adopted for Dr. Charles H. Rawson, whose death occurred on June 27, 1884, and for Dr. R. F. Farquharson who deceased September 6, 1884.

In the July, 1885, number of the Iowa State Medical Reporter appeared a report of "An Unusual Case in Mid-wifery—Placenta Previa and Twins," by Dr. James T. Priestley, and in November, 1885, issue, "Pelvic Abscess" by Lewis Schooler, M.D.

A regular meeting of the Polk County Medical Society was held on February 2, 1886. Doctor McKee read a paper on "Digestion," "which elicited a lively discussion." Dr. C. E. Currie reported three cases of a peculiar affection of the heart. "The prominent symptoms were an extremely slow action of the heart and occasional attacks of syncope. All the cases were males, advanced in life. The pulse rate varied from 11 to 35 beats per minute. No abnormal sounds could be detected, and autopsies in two of the cases revealed macroscopical lesions."

A regular meeting of the Polk County Medical Society was held at 311 Walnut St., Des Moines, March 2, 1886,** with President H. R. Page in the chair. Doctor Schooler read an interesting paper on "Tumors" and Doctor Priestley reported a case of "Compound depressed fracture of the skull, presenting the patient to the Society."

On May 19, 1886, the third annual meeting of the Iowa University of Michigan Medical Alumni Association was held in the Y.M.C.A. rooms. The Des Moines medical alumni present were Woods Hutchinson, '84; Laura L. Liebhardt, '84; A. L. Worden, '79.

and D. W. Finlayson, '75. Professor A. B. Palmer, dean of the medical faculty, University of Michigan, was present and gave an address.

At the Des Moines meeting of the State Society May, 19, 20 and 21, 1886, the delegates from Polk County were R. L. Stuart (M.D., Coll. P & S, Keokuk, '74); C. Nyswander, Charles D. Moore, C. A. Clark (M.D., Univ. Va., '67), C. E. Currie, Albert A. Anderson (M.D., Rush Med., '82), Laura L. Liebhardt, Thomas A. Coskery (M.D., Jeff. Med., '84), and A. J. Crawford.

Papers were presented by Dr. Woods Hutchinson on "Health Insurance,"* by F. E. Cruttendon on "Popular Errors in Ophthalmology," and "Sanitation by Fire" by A. L. Worden.

At the Sioux City meeting of the State Society May 18, 19 and 20, 1887, only two members from Polk County were present, Dr. J. F. Kennedy and Dr. A. J. Crawford, the latter being elected assistant secretary. On the second day Doctor Crawford read a well prepared paper on "Mechano-Therapy in Hip and Other Allied Joint Diseases"*** "illustrating a series of original instruments designed and constructed to carry out a principle of mechanical therapeutics in joint diseases, being offered as a substitute for manual support, to secure the maximum degree of protection to the diseased joints involved, without confining the patient in bed."

On the evening of Tuesday, April 5, 1887, the Polk County Medical Society held its annual meeting and conducted a trial for violation of medical ethics; the defendant being Dr. C. T. Clark who was accused of "advertising himself and his cases in and by means of secular prints, and with conduct unbecoming a physician and a gentleman, both within and without the presence of the society, and with endeavoring to deceive the society in regard to his acts." It was specified that on February 25 he had interviewed one Frank Lee, a reporter of the Daily News and "made false and unwarrantable statements regarding the profession of the city, as well as vain and fullsome praise

*Trans. Ia. St. Med. Soc., 1883-5.

**Iowa St. Med. Rep., March, 1886, p. 239.

*Jour. A.M.A., Vol. VII, No. 18, Oct. 30, 1886. First paper presented in Iowa on that subject.

***The Ia. St. Med. Rep., 1887, pp. 287, 364, 414.

of himself, his acquirements and his operations, also causing an account of said operation of 'Transfusion,' in which he styles himself an old operator of Bellevue Hospital, New York. He also spoke disparagingly of Dr. G. P. Hanawalt, who assisted him in the recent operation." The patient was a well known lady in Des Moines who had a chronic illness.

Among the statements made to the reporter were: "Transfusion is very common occurrence in the East and very uncommon here. I was a physician in a New York hospital for thirteen years, where we had one hundred patients. We performed the operation as high as three times a day. I think this is the first case in Iowa, at least in Des Moines."

It was stated by Doctor Hanawalt "that the operation was not a success, that no blood was transfused."

The press interview was substantiated by Dr. A. J. Crawford and Dr. W. C. Pipino.

Dr. J. W. Cokenower presided and the prosecution was led by Dr. Lewis Schooler and Dr. Woods Hutchinson. Upon cross examination Doctor Clark denied all the charges. "Doctor Hutchinson moved that the Society vote whether guilty or not guilty." Results of ballot, guilty eight, and not guilty, seven. Doctor Clark was thereupon found guilty as charged.

It was moved by Doctor Worden, seconded by Doctor Crawford, "That it is the sense of this meeting that a vote of censure be passed upon Dr. C. T. Clark, with the recommendation that the matter be now dropped. Motion carried by, ayes 13, nays 1."

The following officers were elected at this meeting: President, Dr. Lewis Schooler; First Vice President, Dr. A. J. Crawford; Second Vice President, Dr. R. L. Stuart; Recording Secretary, Dr. C. E. Currie; Corresponding Secretary, Dr. W. C. Pipino; Treasurer, Dr. D. W. Finlayson; Censors, Drs. J. A. Cokenower, J. W. Adams and Woods Hutchinson; Trustee, Dr. H. R. Page. The following were elected delegates to the American Medical Association meeting in Chicago June 8, 9 and 10: Drs. J. O. Skinner, J. W. Adams (M.D., Rush Med., '81), Edith M. Gould, Charles D. Moore (M.D., Miami Med. Coll., '85), W. C. Pipino, A. G. Field and C. Nyswander.

In the Transactions of the State Society of the Des Moines meeting May 16, 1888, it is noted that Dr. A. J. Crawford (M.D., Bellevue, N. Y.,

'83), Secretary, was unable to be present because of ill health*.

At this session Doctor Field read a paper on the "Germ Theory" illustrating his method of cultivating germs; also projecting some of his microscopic specimens by means of the magic lantern. "A vote of thanks was tendered him for his exhibition."

Further papers were presented by Dr. Robert McNutt on "Jaborandi as an Antiphlogistic," and by Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves** on "Neurasthenia and Its Relation to Diseases of Women."

At the Keokuk meeting of the State Society in May, 1889, Dr. Lewis Schooler presented an unusual paper on "Appendicitis Perforatus."† A brief abstract may be interesting:

"This affection occurring as it does most frequently between the ages of eight and thirteen years, should not be overlooked at any period of our existence. Occurring as it does in an organ whose functions are not well understood especially in health, it is perhaps less likely to be interrogated in the search for diseased conditions. Appendicitis is caused by foreign bodies or concretions of fecal matter entering the canal, the orifice of which is uniformly smaller than the canal itself. When retained they excite a catarrhal inflammation of the mucus membrane, which has the effect of still more tightly closing the only opening by which escape is possible. Suppuration and ulceration follow, producing perforation."

Clinical history of case reported:

"On September 8, 1888, invited by Dr. Charles H. Plunket to see H. W., male, aged 8 years, said to be suffering from intestinal obstruction, found him complaining of paroxysmal attacks of pain; occasionally vomiting small amounts of fluid; pulse 120, temperature normal; no appetite, sleepless, though morphine had been administered freely; diagnosis of intestinal obstruction confirmed with suspicion of appendicitis. Abdomen too distended and tender to admit a careful examination. On second day examined under anesthetic, and discovered small tumor in right iliac region. Appendicitis

*The biographic record of Dr. Crawford is incomplete but certain records indicate that he died during this year from pulmonary tuberculosis at about 30 years of age.

**M.D., S.U.L., '73, practiced in Davenport before coming to Des Moines in 1881.

†Trans. Ia. St. Med. Soc., 1886-9, p. 300. The first case reported in Iowa under that title. No reference is made to Dr. R. H. Fitz who first described appendicitis; Jour. Am. Med. Soc., Oct., 1886.

with general peritonitis and obstruction was diagnosed. Operation asked for on third day; an incision three inches in length made in median line, which permitted a considerable quantity of fluid to escape; extensive adhesions detected throughout the entire cavity; also small tumor adherent to abdominal wall, at the site of the appendix; the abscess wall ruptured, allowing about two ounces of foul-smelling pus to escape into the abdomen. The appendix was found ruptured in the middle portion. It was at once tied off. Firm adhesive bands about the caecum were broken up, also about the sigmoid, after which there escaped per rectum a large quantity of fecal matter, in a fluid form, with a free escape of flatus. It was not thought advisable to separate the small intestines bound together by inflammatory exudate. The cavity was thoroughly irrigated with water at 110 degrees F., until all pus was apparently removed, a drainage tube inserted and the wound closed. The discharge through the tube was slight and entirely ceased at the end of 48 hours. The tube was then removed and the patient made a good recovery. Antiseptic precautions were taken at every step of the procedure, except that of washing out the abdominal cavity; for that purpose water that had been boiled and filtered three times was used.

The median incision in this case was certainly the best that could be made, as it permitted a thorough exploration of the entire cavity, and easy manipulation of the adhesive bands for the relief of the obstruction. In cases without obstruction or other complications, the incision a little to the inner side of the prominence of the tumor will answer every purpose."

At the Des Moines meeting of the State Society April 1-18, 1890, Dr. J. W. Cokenower served for the first time as Assistant Secretary. Polk County was represented by T. F. Kelleher, Frances S. Carothers (M.D., Wom. Med., Chi., '85), A. W. Hoff (M.D., Ia. Coll. P & S, Des. M., '86), G. I. Bagley (M.D., Clev. Med., '85), O. D. Benson (M.D., Rush Med., '79), and Charles E. Stoner (M.D., Coll. P & S Keok., '82).

The following Des Moines physicians presented papers at this meeting: D. W. Smouse, "Intubation of the Larynx"*; Woods Hutchinson, "Nature's Thermo-barometer"*; W. C. Pipino, "The Ideal Operation for Cataract"*; Lewis Schooler, "Transfusion of Saline Solution in Post-partum

Hemorrhage"*; J. F. Kennedy, "Food in Its Relation to Health"*; I. P. Brubaker, "Disease of the Mind and Nervous System"*; O. D. Benson, "The Physiological Action and Internal Medication of Carbolic Acid"*; J. W. Cokenower, "Orthopedic Surgery — Early Treatment"*; and Dr. James T. Priestley presented a report on the "Progress of Medicine"*.

At the Waterloo meeting of the State Society April 15-17, 1891, Dr. Woods Hutchinson proposed for the sum of \$500 to establish a medical journal (*Vis Mediatrix**) for the publication of the Transactions and serve as a medium of intercommunication for the profession of the State, each member to be furnished a copy, said journal to appear at Des Moines June 1, 1891, and every two months thereafter. This was approved.

It was also at this meeting that Dr. Woods Hutchinson presented his interesting paper on "Nature and Causation of Eczema"** and because the fine choice of language and mode of delivery so impressed the members of the Medical Faculty of the State University of Iowa, who were present, it influenced their decision in appointing Doctor Hutchinson professor of anatomy a few months later.

In the directory of 1891, Dr. Edward H. Hazen, is listed for the first time among Des Moines physicians. Before coming here from Davenport he had been recognized as a foremost ophthalmologist and otologist, and had served as a member of the faculty of the Iowa College of Physicians and Surgeons, Des Moines. He was a graduate of the Charity Medical Hospital and Western Reserve Medical College, Cleveland, in 1866, locating in Davenport in 1867 and was the first specialist in eye and ear diseases in Iowa. At the meeting of the State Society in April, 1871, he presented a paper on "Ophthalmoscope in Nephritis," which reads very much like similar discussions of this later day.

*Trans. Ia. St. Med. Soc., 1890.

**Trans. Ia. St. Med. Soc., 1891, p. 42.

From 1870 to 1874 he was a lecturer on diseases of the eye and ear at the State University, and then served as professor in the Medical Department of Drake University for 16 years. Soon after 1900 he retired from practice to live in Oregon, where he died in 1919 at the age of 85 years.

In the first issue of *Vis Medicatrix*, June, 1891, appears the professional card of "Dr. F. E. V. Shore, practice limited to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, 309 Walnut St., Des Moines." He continued to practice his specialty here for forty years until his death February 9, 1931, at the age of 68 years. He received his degree in medicine at the University of Michigan in 1886, and served as president of the Polk County Medical Society in 1915.

On January 28, 1892, the first meeting of the Iowa Public Health Association was held in Des Moines, with Dr. A. W. Cantwell, Davenport, President. and Dr. J. W. Cokenower, Des Moines Secretary.

In the April, 1892, number of *Vis Medicatrix* is published an article on "A Unique Calculus — Supra-pubic Lithotomy" by Dr. Edward E. Dorr of Des Moines. This is the first reference to Doctor Dorr who located here soon after his graduation from the medical department of the State University in 1889. During the following three decades he was destined to have a prominent part in both Des Moines and Iowa medicine. He became widely known as the editor of the *Iowa Medical Journal* from 1900 to 1914, when it was merged with the *Journal* of the State Society. He frequently contributed to the programs of County and State Society, and was a faithful attendant and frequent delegate at the sessions of the American Medical Association. He served the Polk County Medical Society as president in 1905. As one of the early members of the Polk County Pathological Society he was active in its efforts to promote interest in the fundamental sciences. His death occurred on December 14, 1928,

after a prolonged illness at the age of 65 years.

At the State Society meeting in Des Moines May 18-20, 1892, Dr. Lewis Schooler presented a paper on "Surgery of the Rectum"*; Dr. Woods Hutchinson on "Darwinism and Disease"*; and Dr. F. E. V. Shore on "Corneal Ulcers"*.

At the Des Moines meeting of the State Society May 16-18, 1894, Dr. Lewis Schooler presided as president and gave a very forward looking address particularly in medical education, advocating continued increases in the courses of study, with the addition of better laboratory facilities in the field of bio-chemistry, pathology and bacteriology. He expressed his concern that more physicians were not becoming associated with organized medical societies, stating that with one hundred thousand physicians in the United States, less than five thousand belonged to the American Medical Association. A careful review of this excellent address fails to reveal any statement that would warrant the following resolution introduced by Dr. Donald MacCrae of Council Bluffs, and seconded by Dr. J. W. Cokenower of Des Moines:

"Whereas, the President of this Society publicly and emphatically represented that members of the Polk County Medical Society, himself included, daily violate the Code of Ethics of the American Medical Association by holding consultations with irregular and irresponsible practitioners of medicine and likewise justified their acts as being agreeable to him and worthy of imitation by the profession, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we the members of the Iowa State Medical Society are deeply grieved at the humiliating spectacle of our retiring president promulgating sentiments which are utterly repugnant to the members of the Society and prejudicial to its interests, directly violating the principles which we feel it our duty to maintain."

This resolution was referred to the Committee on Ethics, who handled it very diplomatically as their report indicates.

"Your Committee on Ethics would report that the resolution of Doctor Mac-

*Trans. Ia. St. Med. Soc., 1892.

rae referred to them, contains no definite specific charge against any member of the State Medical Society, of the violation of the Code of Ethics of the American Medical Association or the Constitution and By-Laws of the Iowa State Medical Society, therefor under Article IX of the By-Laws of this Society, the Committee on Ethics are not empowered to take action in this case. But your Committee would recommend that the Polk County Medical Society be directed to examine into the charges made by Dr. L. Schooler against the members of the Polk County Medical Society, previous to the next annual meeting of the Iowa State Medical Society."

The Committee:

C. M. Hobby, J. J. McCarthy,
J. M. Emmert, Donald Macrae,
and R. E. Conniff.

It is interesting to note that when a new Committee on Ethics was appointed, Dr. Lewis Schooler was named as chairman.

At the meeting of the State Society in 1895, the Committee on Ethics made a report with reference to charges against the Polk County Medical Society, by offering the following resolution adopted by said Polk County Society:

"That, Whereas, a charge bearing upon the ethical standards of the members of this Society, openly made in the session of the State Medical Society, has been referred to us for action, be it

"Resolved, That this Society frankly recognizes that the action of some of its members have, in the past, fallen below the standard of the Code, and expresses its regret for the same, and pledges itself to amendment in the future."

Signed:

J. B. Hatton and C. E. Stoner,
President and Secretary,
Polk County Medical Society.

"And while no additional or specific allegations have been presented us, the Committee recommends that the Polk County Medical Society be advised that the profession of the State view with regret that evident toleration of irregular and unprofessional conduct upon the part of its members, yet in view of the frank disclaimer and promises of amendment on the part of the said Polk County Medical Society, there appears no further cause for action in this connection. Your Committee desires to state that their finding was arrived at without the cooperation of the Committee Chairman, Lewis School-

er, who requested to be, and was excused from service during its consideration."

B. H. Young, Secretary,
Committee on Ethics.

All of this must have aroused some spirited discussion in both the State and County Societies, and it is to be regretted that none of it is recorded.

In April, 1895, appeared Volume No. 1 of the *Iowa Medical Journal* with Dr. J. W. Kime* as editor. The editorial policy was outlined as follows:

"The plan of this journal is somewhat unique in medical journalism. It will be edited in a number of independent departments, each having its own special editor and collaborators, and will be expressly for the profession of Iowa. It will also contain personal and local items of interest to the Iowa profession. The progress of medicine and surgery in Iowa will be recorded, and the physicians of the State brought nearer together, acquainting us with the work we each are doing and serving as a medium for the exchange of thought."

In the first number the following articles were published: "Morbus Coxarius" by James W. Cokenower; "Fistula in Ano" by D. W. Finlayson, and "Notes from a Clinical Lecture" (Cottage Hospital) by Lewis Schooler.

The editorial comment regarding the State Medical meeting at Creston, April, 1895, includes the following: "Dr. Woods Hutchinson was easily the orator on the floor. His command of language is simply wonderful." Also "The paper of Dr. Walter L. Biering** of Iowa City on "Antitoxin, Its Preparation and Use," was, for thorough scientific research and investigation, one of the best ever read before the Society and one which aids in giving the Iowa State Medical Society standing throughout the country. Dr. Bierring is one of the coming men of the Iowa profession."

A significant development of this period was the establishment of Mercy Hospital,† in Des Moines.

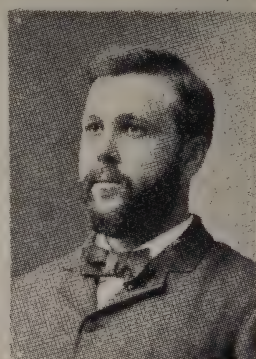
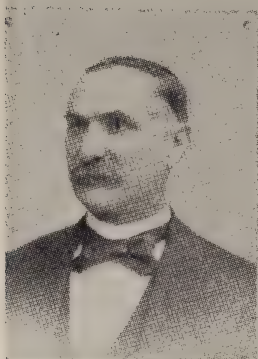
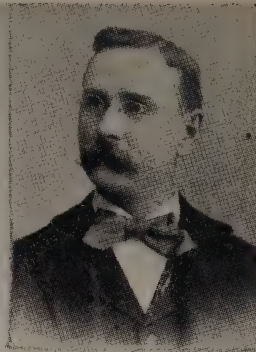
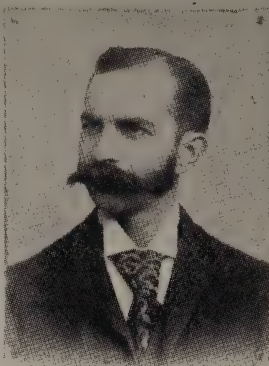
"On the 28th day of November, 1893, a delegation of the Sisters of Mercy from Davenport‡ arrived to inaugurate the building of a commodious and well-

*Formerly of Ft. Dodge, edited *Journal* until 1900 when it was sold to Dr. E. E. Dorr.

**Moved to Des Moines in 1910.

†*Iowa Med. Jour.*, 1895, p. 590.

‡Sisters Mary Philomine, Mary Xavier and Mary Anthony; the latter was one of Iowa's first nurses to become registered.



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Dr. N. C. Schiltz

equipped hospital. Temporary quarters were secured in the former handsome home of Major Hoyt Sherman. This was soon converted into a hospital of twelve beds. On the third day of July, 1894, ground was broken for the new hospital at Fourth and Ascension Streets, and on the 20th of February, 1895, the Sisters moved into their new home, which was formally opened on the 23rd of April following. As noted in the daily press: 'It was an auspicious event; hundreds of people viewed the beautiful edifice, which is built of red pressed brick, and finished with Georgia pine. It stands on a high bluff and the view is grand, look which way you will. From the east windows the Des Moines river and high bluffs beyond, and the State House and Soldier's monument can be seen, also the entire East side of the city; from the north windows Oak Park and Highland Park and College with its adjacent halls. To the south and west one can look down upon the busy West Des Moines, but its noisy traffic is too far removed to dis-

turb the inmates of the hospital. Every room in the building is light, airy and inviting'."

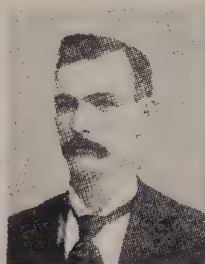
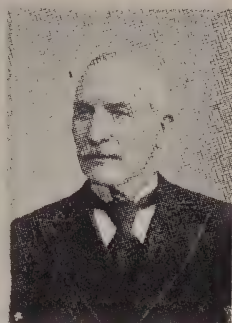
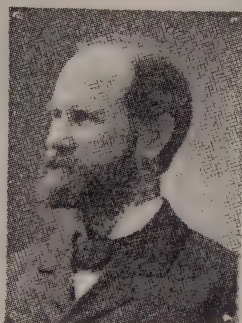
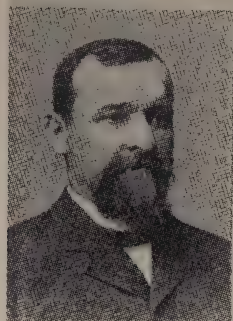
The regular board of Mercy Hospital comprised Dr. T. F. Kelleher, president; Dr. J. W. Cokenower, Dr. F. E. V. Shore, Dr. William VanWerden, Dr. N. C. Schiltz, and Dr. Fred L. Wells,* Secretary.

The consulting board included Drs. D. W. Smouse, G. P. Hanawalt, E. H. Hazen, W. C. Pipino, James T. Priestley, Lewis Schooler, E. H. Carter, D. W. Finlayson, R. A. Patchin, E. J. McGorrick, W. H. L. Matthews, L. D. Rood and M. F. Patterson.

The Polk County Medical Society held its annual meeting May 8, 1895, and elected the following officers:

*Only member living in 1951. M.D. Bellevue Hosp., 1888; located Des Moines 1892.

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President, D. W. Finlayson; First Vice President, Clifton Scott (M.D., Ky. Sch. of Med., '83); Second Vice President, C. D. Rawson (M.D., Chi. Med. Coll., '80); Secretary and Treasurer, C. E. Stoner (M.D., Coll. P & S Keokuk, '82); Censor, E. Luther Stevens (M.D., Chi. Med., '92); Trustees, J. B. Beck (M.D., S.U.I., '81) and Lewis Schooler. "The Society is in excellent condition and is doing good work; it is the largest County Society in the State, and is always well attended and it is hoped ere long that its sessions may be bi-weekly in place of monthly, as at present. The papers read were 'Gastric Digestion' by H. A. Minnassian, and 'Asepsis and Antisepsis' by Crayke S. Priestley."

At the Des Moines meeting of the State Society, April 15-17, 1896, J. W. Cokenower was Secretary; E. Luther Stevens (M.D., Chi. Med., '92), Assistant Secretary, and James T. Priestley, Chairman of the Section on Practice of Medicine. The following papers were presented: "Cardiac and Arterial Lesions in Relation to Rheumatism and Bright's Disease" by J. W. Kime; "Septic Peritonitis" by Lewis Schooler; "Septic Mastoid Disease and Its Sequelae" by Frank Overholt (M.D., Bellevue '89), and "The Mastoid—Its Diseases and Complications—Treatment" by M. F. Patterson (M.D., Cleveland Med., '81).

New names are noted among the list of Polk County Society Members. Dr. H. A. Minassian, graduated in medicine from Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York, 1887; was licensed in Iowa September 28, 1893, locating in Des Moines where he has practiced ever since. He has been prominent in all medical activities and served as President of the Polk County Medical Society in 1917.

Dr. Wilton W. McCarthy, M.D., Iowa College of Physicians and Surgeons 1893, became prominent as an operating surgeon, and served as President of the Society in 1927. He retired from practice a few years later, and died in Annapolis, Md., December 14, 1934.

Dr. Crayke S. Priestley, son of Dr. James Taggart Priestley, located in Des Moines soon after his graduation from the medical department, University of Pennsylvania in 1894. After two years of practice he spent two years in postgraduate studies in Europe, and was early recognized as a leader among the physicians of his day. A promising career was cut short by his untimely death from acute pneumonia May 12, 1904. He was the father of Dr. Joseph B. Priestley of Des Moines, and Dr. James Taggart Priestley II, of Rochester, Minn.

Dr. A. R. Amos, M.D., Rush Medical College 1882, located in Des Moines in 1894, and soon attained prominence in his specialty of eye, ear, nose and throat diseases. His name appeared frequently on County and State Society programs. Dr. Amos retired from practice in 1912 to take up his residence in California, where he died September 17, 1943.

Dr. Albert G. Hull, M.D., S.U.I. 1894, practiced in Des Moines from 1894 to 1899, when he moved his residence to Kansas City, Mo. He was the grandson of Dr. Albert Y. Hull of Fort Des Moines, the first president of the Polk County Medical Society, 1851-52.

Dr. David F. Monash, M.D., College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, 1893, located in Des Moines in 1894, and devoted his practice largely to obstetrics. In 1904 he moved to Chicago where he gained considerable prominence as an obstetrician.

Dr. Nicholas C. Schiltz, M.D., Rush Medical College 1892, came to Des Moines in 1893, and soon gained the high regard of his colleagues as a practitioner and teacher. He confined his practice to medical diagnosis, and served as professor of medicine at Drake University Medical School. His death was untimely, due to melanoma of the foot, and general sarcomatosis, at 51 years of age.

In July, 1896, Dr. M. Nelson Vol-deng (M.D., P & S Chi., '87), formerly of Independence, located in Des Moines after a year of European

study, for the practice of nervous and mental diseases. Another newcomer was Dr. Granville N. Ryan, a graduate of Rush Medical College, 1895.

In April, 1896, Dr. F. E. Crutten-don died at Mercy Hospital of apoplexy at the age of 42 years, and on June 3, 1896, occurred the tragic death of Dr. W. C. Pipino, as the result of a fall from a horse, aged 46 years. On December 10, 1896, Dr. Frank Overholt died at the home of his parents in Harlan at the age of 30 years, from tuberculosis of the hip joint. Dr. Overholt was a graduate of Bellevue Hospital Medical College in 1889 and, after serving three years as assistant to Dr. Gifford of Omaha in ophthalmology, came to Des Moines in August, 1895, succeeding to the practice of Dr. Woods Hutchinson.

During 1897 a number of the meetings of the Polk County Medical Society were recorded.* On January 1, 1897, Professor L. H. Pammel of Ames presented a paper on "The Relation of Medicine to Bacteriology," and Dr. C. D. Rawson on "Tetanus Antitoxin." The annual meeting on Tuesday evening, May 4, 1897, was held at the Harris-Emery lunch rooms. The banquet was at 6:30, followed by toasts and later the business meeting. Toasts were responded by several members of the legislature, followed by addresses by Dr. Lewis Schooler and Dr. E. H. Hazen. Officers were elected and delegates chosen to the State Society and American Medical Association.

At the regular meeting Tuesday evening, July 6, the following program was presented: General topic, "Tuberculosis"; the "Pathology" by Drs. John F. Kempker, A. G. Field and A. R. Amos; the "treatment" by Drs. D. F. Monash, C. E. Currie and James T. Priestley; the "prophylaxis" by Drs. J. F. Kenedy and E. Luther Stevens.

The August (1897) meeting was devoted largely to a discussion of the "Skiagraph in Evidence"; Judge

George H. Carr of Des Moines "read a learned paper on the subject from a legal standpoint, which was discussed by all the members present."**

"As this was the first social meeting of the year, after the program the Society repaired to the banquet room and passed a very pleasant evening in a social manner. . . . It was decided to have a banquet every three months."

At the regular meeting on Tuesday evening, November 9, the following program was presented: "Typhoid Fever" by Drs. C. E. Currie and J. W. Cokenhower; "Amygdalitis" by Drs. A. R. Amos and M. F. Patterson.

New names begin to appear on the membership list of the county Society. In the fall of 1896 Dr. William W. Pearson, M.D., University of Michigan, 1893, came to Des Moines after several years of postgraduate studies in European medical centers, and with the well-known ophthalmologist, Dr. Prince of Springfield, Illinois, in preparation for the special practice of eye, ear, nose and throat diseases. During the following five decades he rose to leadership in his specialty and many medical scientific activities. He was interested in medical education and served as Dean of the Drake University Medical School from 1907 to 1913. He was a lover of fine horses, works of art, and developed a large medical library. He served as president of the Society in 1925. He succumbed to a prolonged illness February 11, 1944.

Dr. Eli Grimes, M.D., University of Iowa 1897, began his practice here in May of that year, and for many years had one of the largest general consulting practices in this community. He was well trained in bacteriology, botany and chemistry and presented very scientific papers before both the County and State societies. He died January 14, 1934.

Dr. Edwin B. Walston, M.D., Rush Medical College, 1893, came to Des Moines in 1897, and 54 years later (1951) is still in active practice. During this period Doctor Walston has

*Iowa Med. Jour., 1897.

**X-rays discovered by Roentgen in 1895.

probably had one of the largest practices in general medicine of any physician in this community.

"On Monday, November 22, 1897,* a number of physicians met at the office of Dr. A. R. Amos and organized a society to be known as the Des Moines Pathological Society. The first officers were: President, Dr. N. M. Voldeng; Vice President, C. E. Currie; Secretary, M. F. Patterson; Curator, A. R. Amos; committee on program, Doctors Latta, Pearson and Grimes. The object shall be to foster, advance and disseminate medical knowledge by means of pathological and clinical research."

This society exerted a distinct influence in developing an interest in scientific medicine. By inviting guest speakers, distinguished particularly in the fundamental sciences, there was inaugurated a plan of postgraduate education of far-reaching importance. The Pathological Society was continued until 1915, when its function was taken over by the Des Moines Academy of Medicine, formed during that year.

On April 24, 1898, President McKinley issued the declaration of war with Spain, and the Spanish-American War came close to this community in the establishment of Camp McKinley in Des Moines. Here the four Iowa Volunteer Regiments, the Forty-ninth, Fiftieth, Fifty-first and Fifty-second, were encamped on April 26, 1898, and there mustered into United States Service and remained until assigned elsewhere. Colonel James Taggart Priestley was Surgeon General of the Iowa National Guard and Surgeon in charge of Camp McKinley.

Dr. Wilbur S. Conkling (M.D., Drake Med., '97) served as First Lieutenant with the Fifty-first Iowa Regiment throughout the Philippine service.

Dr. Park A. Findley (M.D., Ia. Coll. P & S, '95) served as First Lieutenant with the Fifty-first Regiment.

Surgeon-Major W. H. L. Matthews was appointed Brigade Surgeon and

left the Fifty-first Regiment before embarkation at San Francisco.

In 1898 several new members came into the County Society: Dr. John C. Rockafellow, M.D., University of Pennsylvania, 1893; after serving an internship and surgical residency under Dr. John B. Deaver at the German (now Lankenau) Hospital, Philadelphia, he located in Des Moines for the practice of general surgery. He soon gained recognition for his surgical diagnosis and surgical skill. He served as professor of surgery in Drake University Medical School; he served as Chairman of the Section on Surgery of the State Society, and was President of the County Society in 1916, and an early member of the American College of Surgeons. His attractive personality brought him a large circle of devoted friends who mourned his untimely death on January 22, 1928, at the age of 59 years.

Dr. Charles F. Smith, M.D., Drake University 1898, became one of the leading practitioners in this community. He was interested in public affairs, and as a member of the City Board of Education and Trustee of Drake University he exercised an important influence in educational matters. He served as a Major in World War I, taking part in four major engagements. He died on December 29, 1924, at the age of 52 years.

Dr. Robert P. Parriott, M.D., Drake University Medical School 1898, became an active practitioner during the following thirty-five years. He was an enthusiastic sportsman, particularly in the hunting of big game. The modern apartment building on the corner of Twenty-ninth Street and Ingersoll Avenue is a testimony of his business success. He died August 25, 1937.

At the May, 1899, meeting of the Polk County Society, Dr. D. F. Monash presented two interesting clinical cases. "The first was a cretin, male, 22 years of age, with a height of 34¾ inches; under thyroid treatment marked improvement mentally. The second case was a child 6 years of age with hydrocephalus, the circumference

*Ia. Med. Jour., 1897.

of the head being 24½ inches; surgical treatment was not advised."

At the Cedar Rapids meeting of the State Society, May, 1899, Dr. C. E. Stoner presented an interesting paper on "Prevention of Wound Infection," which contained the following:

"The attainment of asepsis is not a trivial thing; it requires long training on the part of the surgeon; it requires him to learn not to do a hundred things which it has become second nature to do; it requires thorough knowledge of the modes of infection and an absolute knowledge and adherence to the efficient manner of disinfection. He advised the constant use of sterile rubber gloves."

At this same meeting Dr. H. A. Minassian presented a paper on "Pathogenesis of Basedow's Disease,"* and Dr. D. W. Finlayson on "The Relation of the Lymphatic System to the Removal of Malignant and Tubercular Neoplasms."*

The State meeting in May, 1900, listed two Des Moines physicians on the program, Dr. M. Nelson Voldeng, with a paper on "Functional and Organic Lesions of the Spinal Cord and Their Differential Diagnosis"; and Dr. W. W. Pearson, who discussed "Some Troublesome Cases of Eye Practice."

In the columns of the *Iowa Medical Journal* for 1900 appear the following: "Dermoids" by Dr. J. C. Rockafellow,** "Ectopic Gestation" by Dr. Charles F. Smith,† and "A Medical Clinic at Mercy Hospital" by Dr. James T. Priestley, presenting two patients with typhoid fever and one with acute rheumatism.††

During this year Dr. J. W. Kime sold the *Iowa Medical Journal* to Dr. E. E. Dorr, and announced his removal to Fort Dodge, where he planned to open a sanitarium for tuberculosis early in the following year.

Women Physicians

A number of women physicians practiced in Des Moines and were listed as members of the County Society during this period.

*Trans. Ia. St. Med. Soc., 1899.

**Ia. Med. Jour., p. 315; read before the Des Moines Pathological Society.

†Ia. Med. Jour., August, 1900.

††Ia. Med. Jour., October, 1900.

The one most frequently noted was Dr. Edith M. Gould, a graduate of the Women's Medical College of Philadelphia in 1878. She came to Des Moines in 1882, and developed a successful practice. She is frequently listed as a delegate to the State Society, and in 1889 to the American Medical Association. After 1896 she is listed as Dr. Edith Gould-Fosnes.

The next most prominently mentioned woman physician is Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves, M.D., University of Iowa, 1873. After practicing ten years in Davenport she came here in 1883, remaining until 1896 when she moved her practice to New York City. She appeared frequently on County and State Society programs, and at the Keokuk meeting in 1889 gave the report for the Section on Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Azuba D. King, M.D., University of Iowa 1876, located in Des Moines in 1883, and Dr. Laura L. Liebhardt, M.D., University of Michigan, in 1884. Dr. Frances L. Carothers, M.D., Women's Medical College of Chicago 1885, and Dr. M. D. Sharp, M.D., Medical College of Ohio 1884, came here to practice in 1890.

Dr. Leana L. Means, M.D., Iowa College of Physicians and Surgeons of Des Moines 1897, located here soon after graduation and developed a large practice. About 1915 she moved to New York City, and died in California, December 11, 1942.

Dr. Rebecca Wright, M.D., N. W. Univ. Wom. Coll., '96, came to Des Moines in 1897.

It is possible that some of the practicing women physicians may have been omitted, but this is as far as the record is available.

Homeopathic Physicians

Previous mention has been made of Dr. Wilmot H. Dickinson, who came to Des Moines in 1858, and was probably one of the leading representatives of the homeopathic medical profession of his time.

In the early eighties two prominent homeopathic physicians located in Des

Moines, the first being Dr. George Royal, H.M.D., New York College of Homeopathy 1882, who served as Dean of the Homeopathic Department of the State University of Iowa for eighteen years, and President of the American Institute of Homeopathy, and exerted an influence of national scope. He was the author of textbooks on homeopathic materia medica and practice. His death occurred on December 27, 1931, at the age of 78 years.*

One year later, in 1883, Dr. A. M. Linn, H.M.D., Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago 1883, located in Des Moines and was an active practitioner for forty years, until his death August 22, 1927. He was a member of the Iowa State Board of Health and Medical Examiners, and president during one year.

Dr. C. J. Loiseau, H.M.D., University of Iowa 1889, was an active prac-

*One of his sons, Dr. Malcolm A. Royal, H.M.D., S.U.I., 1906, served as President of the Polk County Medical Society in 1947, and is now a member of the Iowa State Board of Medical Examiners.

titioner for thirty years, his death occurring April 3, 1933.

A group of women homeopathic physicians located in Des Moines during the eighties and nineties, among whom were Dr. Alice A. Goodrich (H.M.D., S.U.I., '89); Dr. Lucy Busenback - Harbach (H.M.D., Hahnemann Med. Coll., Chi., '89), deceased Oct. 30, 1944; Dr. Caroline Price (H.M.D., S.U.I., '94); Dr. Alice I. Ross (H.M.D., S.U.I., '94), deceased January 16, 1942; Dr. Alice M. Humphrey (H.M.D., S.U.I., '95), deceased June 9, 1943.

A graduate of the Physio-Medical College of Indiana, Dr. Ella M. Gray located here in 1893 and practiced that branch of medicine for about ten years.

As practitioners of Eclectic Medicine the following located in Des Moines: Dr. Nancy Fleming in 1883; Dr. Mary Dunlap in 1888, and Dr. William W. Maple in 1892.

PART IV

The Last Fifty Years

1901-1951

1901

With the turn of the century the practice of medicine in Des Moines and Polk County began to feel the impact of the remarkable evolution developing in American medicine, particularly in the field of medical education and its consequent effect on the character of medical practice in every community.

It was a period also of extensive hospital construction and clinical laboratory expansion. It witnessed a marked growth of specialism with increasing interest in group medical practice, and furthermore a complete society reorganization in keeping with the plans of the State Society and the American Medical Association.

Of significant import to the future of medicine in Des Moines was the opening of a second large hospital soon after the turn of the century.

"On January 16, 1901, on a quiet hill overlooking the business center of Des Moines, Iowa, Iowa Methodist Hospital opened its doors. The little hospital at 1200 Pleasant Street afforded space for thirty beds in a red brick structure built originally to house Callanan College. Today this building, erected in 1880, still furnishes the main entrances to what is now the largest private hospital in the State of Iowa. Through its corridors have passed just over 200,000 bed patients, countless visitors, as well as thousands of doctors, nurses, and the innumerable staff needed in the work."

"The Central Building, as the former Callanan College is now called, is today only a small part of the great hospital which stretches over what has come to be known as Methodist Hill. Wings have been added, first to the West in 1903; then to the East in 1908; farther on to the West, where the beautiful Blank Memorial Hospital for Children was erected in 1943; and climatically, fifty years after the hospital opened, to the South, with the magnificent new structure which placed Iowa Methodist among the most modern and best equipped hospitals in the country. The hospital and

School of Nursing campus developed through the five decades over the hill and across Pleasant Street, with two homes for nurses as well as various service buildings, spread over six and a half acres of ground, an area which makes available still more room for future development of the health center."*

The first medical and surgical staff** included the regular consulting, Drs. D. W. Smouse, Andrew R. Amos, James T. Priestley, M. Nelson Voldeng, Lewis Schooler, and Edith Gould-Fosnes; and the attending staff, Drs. C. E. Stoner, E. Luther Stevens, E. E. Dorr, Eli Grimes, Crayke S. Priestly, Chas. F. Smith, and Lenna L. Meanes. A homeopathic staff included—consulting—Drs. A. M. Linn, William Woodbury, Lucy Busenbach-Harbach; and attending, Drs. L. C. Loiseau, Marion Howell, C. E. Holloway, A. O. Hunter, and C. E. Easton. The first intern was Dr. Raymond Cluen, a graduate of Drake University Medical College.

"A most enjoyable gathering of the Polk County Medical Society occurred Tuesday night, January 6th, at the Savery House where 35 members sat down to a five course dinner at 7:30 P. M. These 'quarterly' feeds have become a great success. The subject for discussion was 'Medullary Anesthesia' in which the members freely participated. The visiting physicians present were Dr. F. W. Bush of Pitzer; Dr. J. H. Hovendon of Laurens; Dr. F. E. Bellinger of Council Bluffs; Doctor Bufkin of Runnells; and Drs. Shively and Adele Fuchs of Des Moines. The officers were President, Dr. H. G. Emery, Norwalk; Secretary, Dr. Eli Grimes."†

At the meeting of the Polk County Medical Society, February 5, 1901, Dr. N. C. Schlitz‡ read a paper on small pox, based on the observation of seventy cases of small pox and vari-

*Wings in Waiting. A history of Iowa Methodist Hospital, 1901-1951, Edith M. Bjornstad.

**Iowa State Medical Journal, Vol. VII, No. 1, January, 1901, p. 52.

†Iowa Medical Journal, January, 1901.

‡Physician to the Board of Health, Des Moines, and Professor of Medicine, Drake University, Iowa College of Physicians and Surgeons, Iowa Medical Journal, February, 1901.

oid during the preceding nine months.

The annual meeting and dinner of the Polk County Medical Society was held at the Savery House on the evening of April 2, 1901. A paper on "Compound Fractures of the Tibia" was read by Dr. Wilton W. McCarthy, which was discussed by Dr. E. B. Walston and others. A second paper was presented by Dr. E. L. Stevens, entitled "History of a Few Interesting Heart Cases," which was freely discussed. The officers elected were Dr. M. F. Patterson, president; Dr. J. W. Cokenower, vice president; Dr. Fred L. Wells, secretary; and Dr. Lenna L. Meanes, treasurer.

Among the personal items noted from the State Society meeting at Davenport May 15, 16, and 17, 1901, is the following:

"A quite striking handsome figure at the meeting was Dr. H. A. Minasian of Des Moines, who read a paper on 'Nostrums.' Doctor Minassian is a comparatively young man, but he is classed as one of the brightest physicians of the Capital City."

"The fourth annual meeting of the Iowa Medical Women's Social Society was held May 14th, at the Kimball House, Davenport, at which the president, Dr. Azuba D. King, presided. Dr. Rebecca Wright of Des Moines read a paper on 'The Medical Woman and Women's Clubs,' and Dr. Lenna L. Meanes was elected vice president of the Society."

During the latter part of 1901 occurred two deaths among Des Moines physicians that greatly saddened the medical community.

Dr. James W. Adams died September 13, after a prolonged illness with a cancerous infection of the throat. He was born December 26, 1840 in Hendricks County, Indiana. Soon after graduating in medicine from the University of Michigan in 1867, he located at Prairie City, where he practiced until 1881 when he moved to Des Moines. Before coming here he took a course of lectures at Rush Medical College, Chicago, and soon became known as one of the best read physicians and surgeons in Des Moines, and was an active member of the County and State medical societies.

The services were held on September 16, the honorary pallbearers being Drs. Lewis Schooler, R. A. Patchin, J. A. Potter, T. F. Kelleher, C. E. Currie, James T. Priestley, G. P. Hanawalt, and D. W. Finlayson.

On October 24, 1901, occurred the death of Dr. C. E. Stoner from typhoid fever, following an illness of six weeks. Several large intestinal hemorrhages hastened his demise.

Dr. Stoner has been prominent in the State and Polk County Medical Societies during the preceding ten years, having been president of the County Society in 1897. He was to have served as Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the State Society meeting in 1902.

The funeral services on October 26 were attended by the entire County Medical Society; the interment being at Woodland Cemetery. The honorary pallbearers were Doctors Schooler, Priestley, Currie, Cokenower, Smouse and Dorr.

A distinct addition to the local profession was the coming of Dr. Frank A. Ely to Des Moines in 1901. After graduating from the State University Medical Department in 1898, he served one year as one of the first interns in the new University Hospital at Iowa City, followed by two years as assistant physician at the Clarinda State Hospital for Mental Diseases, and a period of graduate study in Europe. He located here for the practice of general medicine, but soon devoted himself entirely to the specialty of neurology and psychiatry in which he has been most successful. He was president of the Polk County Medical Society in 1907, and is thus the oldest living past president at this time (1951).

1902

At the first meeting of the County Society in 1902, January 7, at the Savery House, Dr. Eli Grimes read a paper on "The Present Status of Tuberculosis,"* and presented a very scientific discussion on the etiology of the disease, with special reference to differentiation between human, avian and bovine tuberculosis, its transmission from animal to man and strong endorsement of the physiologic or open-air treatment.

At the meeting of the County Society February 4, 1902, the following resolutions were adopted and presented to Mayor Hartenbower:

"Whereas, the present epidemic of small-pox in the City of Des Moines is

*Iowa Medical Journal, February, 1902.

a menace to the health and business interests of the City, and

Whereas, the City Council as a board of health has not heretofore enforced the rules governing such cases; and

Whereas, a menace to the people of Des Moines in the lack of quarantine and vaccination becomes a serious matter to all the citizens of Des Moines; and

Whereas, medical science has proved beyond a doubt the efficacy of vaccination in the protection against small-pox, and as vaccination has been the leading factor in the control of every epidemic, and as vaccination scientifically applied is a harmless method of preventing small-pox, and the scientific world is aware of this fact, as medicine men we urge vaccination as the main solution to the control of the present epidemic, urging at the same time that rigid quarantine and every effort at segregation be employed; therefore be it

Resolved, by the Polk County Medical Society, in regular session, that we hereby approve the action of the Board of Health in ordering the Mayor to secure sufficient medical assistance and health officers for the purpose of vaccinating all persons exposed to small-pox. That we offer our hearty support of the mayor in his efforts to control and stamp out the present epidemic."

A number of Polk County Medical Society meetings are further recorded:**

At the meeting on July 1 in the Kirkwood Clubroom, Dr. J. J. Flannery (M.D. Coll. P & S '00) read a paper on "Pyo-salpinx," and Dr. B. J. Callahan (M.D. Jeff. '00) presented a discussion on "Cholera Infantum," which was of special interest because of an extensive prevailing epidemic in the city.

On September 2, papers were read by Dr. Sophie Inzie Scott (M.D. Ia. Coll. P & S '93) on "Carcinoma of the Cervix," and Dr. J. W. Tyrrell (M.D. Ia. Coll. P & S 1900) on "Puerperal Infection."

Further news items are:

"At the annual meeting of the Des Moines Pathological Society November 25, Dr. Walter L. Bierring of Iowa City presented a paper on "Gastro-intestinal Type of Arterio-sclerosis." The officers elected were Dr. A. R. Amos, president, and Dr. J. F. McKittrick (M.D., Detroit Coll. Med. '99), secretary-treasurer.

**Iowa Medical Journal, 1902.

"The Iowa Medical Journal changed hands in November, the former editor Dr. E. E. Dorr and publisher Mr. E. G. Ragsdale being succeeded by Dr. E. E. Dorr and E. Luther Stevens who became sole owners."

"At the annual meeting of the Western Surgical and Gynecological Association at St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 29 and 30, Dr. Lewis Schooler of Des Moines presented a paper on "Chemical Asepsis."

A number of new physicians became a part of the Des Moines profession in 1902. In July Dr. Matthew L. Turner sold his practice at Griswold and moved to Des Moines. He graduated in medicine from the Medical College of Indiana in 1896. After practicing general medicine for a few years, he took a prolonged course of study in diseases of children in New York City and Boston, and returned in 1912 and was the first physician to specialize in pediatrics. He can be regarded as the father of this specialty in Des Moines. His outstanding contribution to this community was the development of the Infant Welfare Clinics of Des Moines, the first being established in 1914. He was a strong champion of mother's milk in the feeding of babies. Doctor Turner for a number of years was prominent in the Section on Diseases of Children, American Medical Association, serving as secretary of the Section for one year. His death occurred January 26, 1929, at the age of 64 years.

Dr. Gershom H. Hill came to Des Moines from Independence, in September, where he had resigned as superintendent of the State Hospital for Mental Diseases after a service of 28 years. He graduated in medicine from Rush Medical College in 1874, having previously received a degree of Master of Arts from Grinnell College. His reputation as a leading alienist was well established before coming to Des Moines, and he soon developed a large consulting practice in his specialty of psychiatry, and also gained considerable reputation as a medico-legal expert. In 1905 he founded a private hospital for mental diseases, "The Retreat," which he conducted with marked

success to the time of his death, November 23, 1925. Doctor Hill was a member of Phi Beta Kappa Society, a scholarly physician and a man of rare personal charm.

Another distinct addition to the Des Moines profession during the year was that of Dr. Addison C. Page, a name familiar to the community because of his honored father, Dr. Homer R. Page, who practiced here from 1878 to 1891, and attaining an unusual degree of skill and success in his profession. The son, Dr. Addison C. Page, after graduation in medicine from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, University of Illinois in 1898, served an eighteen months' internship at Cook County Hospital, Chicago, followed by two years of service as surgeon of a large mining company in Mexico, with headquarters in Mexico City, after which he located in Des Moines. He occupied the same office as that of his father, who was associated with Dr. James T. Priestley. Later he moved his office to the Equitable Building (now Bankers Trust Building) at Sixth and Locust Street, where he remained until his retirement in 1945. Four years after coming to Des Moines (1906) he was elected president of the Polk County Medical Society, serving just twenty years after that of his father, Dr. Homer R. Page, being the only instance in the history of the Society of two generations being honored by election to the presidency. His death occurred in 1948.

With the opening of the new State Mental Hospital at Cherokee, Dr. M. Nelson Voldeng was appointed the first superintendent, which necessitated his removal from Des Moines, which was deeply regretted by his many admiring colleagues.

1903

During this year much of the interest and discussion in the County Society, as in all medical circles throughout the state, were centered on the Society reorganization plan as contained in the new constitution approved at the Sioux City meeting of the Iowa State Medical Society April 15, 16, and

17, 1903. This was in conformity with the organization plan adopted by the American Medical Association at the St. Paul session in June, 1901.

In the new plan membership in the County Society became the unit of organization, so that permanent members of the State Society "shall include all members of permanently organized County Societies in affiliation with the State Society; provided that they are in good standing in the County Society of residence and have paid the annual dues." Thus the medical profession of the United States became one complete organization with the County Society as the unit. A House of Delegates was established to which delegates from each County Medical Society are elected.

The organization of County Medical Societies became the responsibility of the Board of Councilors comprising one councilor from each of the eight congressional districts.

Dr. E. E. Dorr of Des Moines represented the seventh councilor district, and was also named chairman of the Board of Councilors.

This year's State meeting was of further local interest as Dr. James T. Priestley served as president, presenting an address that was a remarkable compilation of progress in each branch of medical science in the preceding twenty-five years. It covers thirty pages in the Transactions and will be valuable for future reference. The following Des Moines physicians contributed to the program:

"Acute Parenchymatous Nephritis" by E. Luther Stevens; "Epilepsy—Its Nature and Treatment," by Gershom H. Hill; "The Surgery of Gall-bladder and Bile Duct," by Frank C. Davis (M.D. 1899 J. Hopkins); "Traumatic Neurosis," by Frank A. Ely; "The Radical Operation," by A. R. Amos; "The Defects of the Water Supplies of Our Larger Cities," by Chas. H. Hoffman (M.D. '88 Univ. Heidelberg)*; "Disinfection—Clinical and Sanitary," by Eli Grimes.

Among the new members elected by the Polk County Medical Society were the following: Dr. David S. Fairchild moved from Clinton to Des Moines in order to become Dean of the Drake University Medical Department**. He had been connected with this medical school for twenty-one years

*Professor of Pathology, Drake University Medical Department.

**Dr. A. R. Amos had previously been elected Dean, but after considering it for ten days, decided not to accept.

successively as professor of histology and pathology, neurology, and theory and practice of medicine. He served as president of the State Society in 1896. After graduating from the Albany Medical College in 1868 he located at Ames in 1872, remaining until 1897, when his appointment as Chief Surgeon for Iowa of the Northwestern Railway System required his removal to Clinton. The medical school prospered under his leadership, but the desire to return to his railroad and general surgery practice in Clinton prompted him to resign as Dean and Professor of Surgery in 1909. He continued his membership in the Polk County Medical Society, and after he became editor of the *Journal of the Iowa State Medical Society* in 1910, he came to Des Moines at least once a month to supervise the publication of the *Journal*. He maintained his interest in our County Society and frequently appeared on its program up to the time of his death at Clinton, Iowa, March 22, 1930.

Dr. Charles M. Werts, a graduate of the University of Iowa College of Medicine in 1902, after a year of special graduate study in European medical centers, located here for the practice of the specialty in eye, ear, nose and throat diseases.

Dr. H. C. Willett (M.D. Rush '94) moved from Union, Hardin County, to Des Moines; and after about five years of general practice, he decided to limit the same to the specialty of dermatology and syphilis, and then devoted about a year to special studies in New York City and Chicago. He returned to Des Moines where he soon gained recognition in his chosen specialty.

In this year also came Dr. Howard D. Gray, a graduate of the University of Iowa Medical Department in 1898, who limited his practice to general surgery in which field he gained wide recognition. He served as president of the Polk County Medical Society in 1940.

Among the new items is noted*, "Edward R. Posner, a Des Moines boy, after graduating from the College of

Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York, June 10, 1903, has won a fellowship in pathology and physiological chemistry at his Alma Mater beginning September first."

"The Des Moines Pathological Society held an annual meeting at the Kirkwood Hotel, November 17, and elected the following officers: H. A. Minassian, president; F. A. Ely, secretary."

1904

Early in the year 1904 Dr. Oliver J. Fay located in Des Moines, and soon began to take an active part in the medical life of the community, and throughout the succeeding 40 years. After graduating from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, University of Illinois in 1902, he completed an eighteen-month internship at Augustana Hospital, Chicago, and was an assistant in the surgical service of Dr. A. J. Ochner. He limited his practice from the beginning to general surgery, and by his skill and efficient services soon gained recognition for leadership in his chosen field of practice. He was elected president of Polk County Medical Society in 1911 and of the State Society in 1924, after which he served for many years on the Board of Trustees.

On April 10 occurred the death of Dr. E. J. McGorrick, who began his practice in Des Moines in 1858, and aside from Dr. A. G. Field, was the last of Des Moines doctors of that pioneer period.

On May 12 the untimely death of Dr. Crayke Simpson Priestley, at the young age of twenty-nine years, shocked and grieved not only the medical fraternity but the entire community. He lectured to the students of the medical department of Drake University on Monday, the 9th, during the afternoon; after which he became ill, was hurried home, developed an acute lobar pneumonia and died on Thursday, the 12th. Despite his youth, his leadership was recognized by all his medical colleagues. A graduate of the Collegiate Department of Notre Dame University at sixteen, he completed the medical course of three and a half years at the University of Pennsylvania at 19 years; returned to Iowa, passed the State Board of Med-

*Iowa Medical Journal, 1903.

ical Examiners with an average of 85 plus per cent, and was licensed August 22, 1894. This "boy" Priestley, as he was often called, practiced two years with his father, Dr. James Taggart Priestley, and upon reaching his majority in 1896 returned to Philadelphia to receive his diploma conferring the degree Doctor of Medicine from the University of Pennsylvania. He then spent two years in postgraduate studies at European medical centers before returning to his practice in Des Moines. That he left the impress of his fine training, professional skill and pleasing personality, is evidenced by the beautiful tributes of the press,* and expressions of his great services from leading citizens. At the services Mr. Charles S. Bradshaw**, a young attorney, pronounced a eulogy which contained the words, "In him as in few men were the elements so blended as to give humanity in all its phases and all without lowering the standard of character or aims of life."

Joint resolutions were adopted by the Polk County Medical Society and Des Moines Pathological Society which are presented in part:

"Whereas:

"In the midst of a violent storm, when the earth seems trembling in its grasp and two persons meet in the awful hush of a momentary calm, their lips will speak frantic words of quite another thing; their souls have not the courage to utter what lies within. In this manner the physicians of Des Moines meet today.

"To say that he was standing on the threshold of his career would be a mistake, for this man, though young in years, has done things which many would count worthy a long life. He has already achieved success. Returning seven years ago from two years' study on the Continent, he was not taken into partnership with, but born into the professional life of his father. By a natural right he soon succeeded to a large share in these professional burdens and honors.

"His earliest success was in obstetrics. And here we come in touch with the character of the man. Those who know are aware that of all departments of medicine this is the most

irksome. All of this fell into the hands of Dr. Crayke; he did it more cheerfully and earnestly than any other, because while he labored his father slept. Such a son was worthy such a father.

"In medicine, as a family physician, he soon became an important factor among the physicians of Des Moines. At the bedside he had the sort of sympathy that strengthens and heals, a sympathy found only in strong and wholesome character. He was resourceful in therapeutics, but who will doubt that the sunshine which his buoyant nature left behind in that sick-room was often more efficacious than drugs?



CRAYKE S. PRIESTLEY

"It was only within a recent period that he had turned his attention to surgery with the purpose of devoting his life to it. And who knows but here he made a mistake? For only those who have had experience can realize the physical cost to the surgeon. In this last and important field his early training was his handmaid. Drilled in diagnosis, both at the bedside and in the laboratory, he chose his operation with accuracy, and in a remarkably short period mastered the knife and operated with a dexterity of mature experience. His technique was perfect, his skill in emergency tactful, quiet and conservative. In other words, he was a successful surgeon. Those nearest him appreciated this most; time had not had time to publish it widely.

"All this is, however, only a mean appreciation of the man. Even those most intimate knew little of the real purposes, doubts, resolves and fears which ruled his recent years. Others only approach the outposts of men of this character, beyond which even they themselves walk on ground sacred almost to strangeness.

*The Register and Leader, Editorial, May 14, 1904.

**Judge Charles S. Bradshaw of Des Moines.

"Your brothers in medicine could do this work easier, Crayke, and with less complaint, had you made it easier for them by less love. But we push aside our own feelings in the presence of a mightier grief and, in joint meeting of the Polk County Medical and Des Moines Pathological Societies, in the absence of their two guiding spirits, we resolve to extend to Dr. James Taggart and Mrs. Priestley and their family, and to Mrs. Crayke Priestley and her family, and to those two boys only budding into that life where the spirit of their father lingers, that sympathy of which we in our common bereavement, are capable."*

Dr. Crayke S. Priestley was the fifth direct lineal descendant of Dr. Joseph Priestley, discoverer of oxygen.

The State Medical meeting was held this year in Des Moines, May 19-21, with Dr. Wilton W. McCarthy as chairman of arrangements. Dr. Frank A. Ely served as assistant secretary. The following Des Moines physicians were on the program: Dr. David S. Fairchild, "Pregnancy Complicated by Tumors of the Uterus"; Dr. Gershom H. Hill, "Relation of Insanity to Suicide"; "Pus Collections in the Female Pelvic Cavity and Their Treatment," by Dr. A. P. Stoner.

The Polk County Medical Society held its October meeting in the new Army Hospital at Fort Des Moines, as the guests of the attending surgeon, Dr. George D. Deshon, Major M.C., U.S.A. The largest number of members the Society has ever had was present at this meeting.

The program was of two papers—one by Dr. W. W. McCarthy on "Fractures of Bones of the Forearm," and the other on "Treatment of Hernia in Children," by Dr. O. J. Fay. Both papers were of unusual interest and both brought forth a rather animated discussion. In his paper Dr. Fay recommended operation only where incarceration was present, and the treatment by truss or bandage, as the case may require, expressing the belief, however, that no treatment whatever would result as satisfactorily as by the method of truss and bandage, quoting statistics to prove his position, showing

that 50 per cent or more hernias in children are cured by about the tenth year.

Following the program Dr. Deshon entertained the members of the Society at a lunch in the mess room, which was greatly appreciated by all present.

"At the meeting of the Society November 8, Dr. H. A. Minassian was in charge of the program, the following papers being presented:

"Chronic Enteritis and Intestinal Indigestion," Dr. Evelyn Fisher-Frisbie (M.D. Coll. P & S Chi. '02); "Chronic Constipation," Dr. C. C. Fowler (M.D. Rush '97); "Chronic Colitis," Dr. C. N. Olson-Leir (M.D. Ia. Coll. P & S '01); "Intestinal Hemorrhage," Dr. Roderick F. Watts (M.D. Rush '93).

The Polk County Medical Society held its annual meeting and dinner at the Savery ordinary on December 6, 1904. Thirty-eight members were present. After the business session the election of officers occurred, resulting in the selection of Dr. E. E. Dorr, president; Dr. A. C. Page, vice president; Dr. Chester A. Ayers (M.D. Coll. P & S Chi. '04), secretary; Dr. Clifton Scott (M.D. Ky. Sch. Med. '83), treasurer; and Dr. Gershom H. Hill to the Board of Censors.

The post-prandial exercises included: Dr. E. H. Hazen who spoke on "Literature and Collateral Sciences" in an entertaining manner. Dr. A. C. Page reviewed the year's work on gynecology and obstetrics, predicting that the gynecologist would soon be a memory only, as his work would be finally merged into general surgery. "The Surgical Mecca" was the topic given Dr. E. E. Dorr, who mentioned the work done at Rochester, Minnesota, and at Chicago. Dr. A. P. Stoner spoke of "The Business Side of the Doctor's Life," utilizing the sentiment, "Lose not thine own for the lack of asking for it; it will gain thee no thanks."

"The Doctor's Consultation Room" was the subject assigned to Dr. J. W.

*Iowa Medical Journal, June, 1904.

Osborn (M.D. Med. Chi. Phil. '01) who used the quotation—

"The Sage, in velvet chair, here lolls at ease

To promise future health for present fees."

Among others who responded were Doctors W. VanWerden, Clinton Scott, Lenna L. Means, J. A. Potter, W. S. Conkling, Sophie Hinze-Scott, D. S. Fairchild, Edith Gould-Fosnes, and F. A. Ely.

Among the changes in the profession during the year were: "Dr. M. F. Patterson, specialist in the eye and ear, returned to his former location at Fonda, Iowa, after nine years of practice in Des Moines."

Dr. Ferdinand J. Smith (M.D. S.U.I. '87) came to Des Moines after a year of special study at the University of Leipzig in physiological chemistry to become professor in that subject in the Medical Department of Drake University, and secretary of the Medical Faculty. He had formerly practiced for fifteen years at Alton, Iowa. He was to serve full time in the medical school, acting also as secretary of the faculty, and he definitely stimulated the spirit of scientific medicine and particularly the development of better teaching in the basic medical sciences.

1905

At the meeting of the Polk County Board of Supervisors on January 3rd, Dr. Wilbur S. Conkling (M.D. Ia. Coll. P & S '97) was appointed county physician for the fifth time. A number of the meetings of the County Society were recorded*.

"At the January meeting in the club-room of the Savery, 35 members were present, and great interest was manifested in the two papers presented:

"'The Treatment of Diphtheria,' by Dr. Chas. B. Frisbee (M.D. Rush '01); and 'Diphtheria and Its Complications,' by Dr. Wm. W. Pearson.

"The February meeting consisted of the subject of 'Pneumonia,' of which Dr. O. J. Fay was to discuss 'Pathology and Epidemiology,' but because of his

illness with influenza, only one paper was presented on 'Diagnosis and Treatment,' by Dr. H. G. Welpton (M.D. Ia. Coll. P & S '97).

"At the February 16th meeting of the Southwestern Medical Society at Creston, Doctors Ely, Amos, Cokenower and Dorr were to take part in the program, but, on account of the snow blockade, were unable to attend.

"The March program of the Polk County Society was devoted to a symposium on 'Tuberculosis,' by Dr. Wm. A. Evans of Chicago, Dr. J. W. Kine of Fort Dodge, and Dr. E. Luther Stevens of Des Moines.

"At the April meeting Dr. James Taggart Priestley presented an interesting talk on 'Life Insurance Examinations'."

The State Medical Society met in Des Moines May 17, 18 and 19, in the Y.M.C.A. auditorium, Dr. E. Dorr was the chairman of arrangements. The only Des Moines physicians participating in the program were Dr. H. G. Emery presenting "Suggestive Therapeutics in the Management of Labor"; Dr. H. G. Welpton, "Toxemias Attending Infectious Diseases"; Dr. W. S. Conkling, "County Care of the Insane"; and Dr. A. P. Stoner, "Retroverted Uterus." Dr. F. A. Ely was chairman of the Section on Mental and Nervous Diseases.

Doctors Dorr and Cokenower arranged a tour for members attending the annual session of the American Medical Association at Portland, Oregon, July 8-12, which included a trip through the Yellowstone Park, which proved a very interesting experience. The Des Moines physicians participating were Doctors Dorr, Cokenower, Ryan, Ely, Kelleher, Smouse, Priestley and Fairchild.

The New York Medical Journal of September 2 contained a communication from Dr. W. S. Conkling of Des Moines reporting a case of suspended animation due to shock and loss of blood in a patient who had been severely cut by a fellow worker:

"The case was of special interest because it afforded the opportunity for manipulation of the heart, without

*Iowa Medical Journal, 1905.

the necessity of performing any surgical operation to reach that organ, as the knife which had produced the wound had laid open the pericardium.

"The patient was an Italian, aged 47 years, a coal miner, who was admitted to Mercy Hospital, Des Moines, June 21, 1905, about 9 p.m. He had a wound in the chest, caused by a razor or knife in the hands of a Negro fellow miner.

"While packing the wound with gauze, the patient became pulseless and appeared to be dead. By passing the index finger through a small opening in the pericardial sac, the heart was felt to be perfectly still without the slightest pulsation. By seizing the heart between the thumb and fingers and manipulating it for a period of forty to sixty seconds, a thrill was felt within the fingers, but leaving the hand in position further pulsation was detected and soon a weak radial pulse was noted which gradually became stronger. It was thought that the period of cessation of heart's action was at least two minutes. The patient recovered and the report aroused a great deal of interest in medical circles."

At the October meeting of the Des Moines Pathological Society, Dr. Oliver J. Fay presented a paper on "Tuberculous Peritonitis"* which indicated a very careful review of the literature on that subject.

In April, announcement was made of the appointment of Dr. H. J. H. Hoeve as the new professor of anatomy at Drake University. He was a native of Holland, and had graduated in medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, University of Illinois, in 1901. For two years he was demonstrator of anatomy at his Alma Mater, and had done a large amount of special work in anatomy. At the A.M.A. session in Saratoga, New York, in 1902, he had an exhibit on interesting anatomical preparations. He began his teaching at the opening of the fall session of the medical school.

On July 27th, a group of physicians and prominent citizens met at the Chamberlain Hotel and organized "The Iowa Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis," at which a constitution and by-laws were adopted

and officers elected as follows: President, Ex-Governor William S. Larabee; first vice-president, Dr. R. E. Conniff, Sioux City; second vice-president, A. L. Ulrick, Des Moines; treasurer, Prof. F. I. Herriott, Des Moines; secretary, Dr. E. Luther Stevens, Des Moines.

This organization was facilitated by the presence in the city of Dr. Livingston Farrand, secretary of the National Tuberculosis Association, who was returning from the meeting of the A.M.A. in Portland.

The executive committee included Dr. E. E. Dorr, Judge L. G. Kinne of Des Moines, Dr. J. W. Kime of Fort Dodge, Judge G. S. Robinson of Sioux City, and Senator Funk of Spirit Lake.

"The annual meeting of the Polk County Medical Society was held this year on December 7th at the Savery Hotel. Sixty-six members were present, including six past presidents. The program consisted of reports of officers and chairmen of various committees. The secretary's report showed that we had 98 members, or 83 per cent of all the eligible members of the profession in Polk County. One-half of the year's dues were remitted, and we had on hand \$310."

The Legislative Committee has succeeded in running a number of fakers out of the city and securing the modification of many advertisements.

Twenty-five dollars was voted as an appropriation to the Iowa Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

The election of officers for 1906 followed the program: President, A. C. Page; vice-president, George D. Deshon; secretary, C. A. Ayers; treasurer, Clifton Scott; censor, J. W. Cokenower.

1906

Some of the interesting items recorded during the year are the following:

The County Society met March 6th in the clubroom of the Savery Hotel, at which the following papers were presented: "General Paresis," by J. C. Doolittle; "Tabes Dorsalis," by O. T.

*Iowa Medical Journal, Vol. XI, No. 11, November, 1905.

Hyde (M.D. Coll. P & S N.Y. '01). Discussion by G. H. Hill and F. A. Ely. The sum of \$25.00 was voted to the Legislative Committee to investigate the prevalence of venereal disease in this community.

At the State Society meeting May 16-18, Dr. Eli Grimes presided as the chairman of the Section on Medicine, and presented an interesting report on the year's progress in medicine.

An agreement with Dr. E. E. Dorr for journalizing the proceedings, programs, and notices of the State Society affairs was adopted. The contract called for a monthly journal at the annual rate of \$1.25 for each member. The Society, through its publication committee, to censor all advertising and control the editorial policy of the *Iowa Medical Journal*.

June 1st, Dr. Wilbur S. Conkling was appointed Major Surgeon of the 55th Iowa National Guard Regiment."

"At the second annual meeting of the Iowa Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis on July 31st, the following participated in the round table diagnosis: Doctors Eli Grimes, A. M. Linn and George Royal."

Two additions to the profession are noted: Dr. E. G. Linn (H.M.D. Hahnemann Chi. '89), a brother of Dr. A. M. Linn, located in Des Moines for the practice of eye, ear, nose and throat diseases, after one and a half years of graduate study in New York City and Vienna, Austria. During the following four decades he was the only homeopathic physician to practice that specialty in Des Moines.

Dr. Nelle S. Noble located here soon after the completion of her internship service at Iowa Methodist Hospital. Doctor Noble was a graduate of Drake University Medical Department in 1905, and was the first woman physician to serve as intern in the above hospital. Doctor Noble was also a graduate of law, but never practiced it. She gained prominence in many medical activities in this community, serving as president of the State Society of Medical Women in 1920, and

was honored with the presidency of the American Medical Women's Association in 1940, presiding at the annual session in New York City.

At the annual meeting of the Polk County Medical Society on December 7th, at the Hotel Savery, sixty members were present, and the following officers were elected: F. A. Ely, president; C. M. Werts, vice-president; George Cullen (M.D. N.W. Med. '00), secretary, and W. W. Pearson, treasurer.

1907

On January 9, the Polk County Medical Society held its regular meeting at which the subject of "Diphtheria" was discussed under the following headings:

"Bacteriology and Pathology," Ferdinand J. Smith.

"Treatment," A. P. Stoner.

"Quarantine," H. A. Minassian.

Dr. F. W. Powers, president of the State Board of Health, and Dr. Henry Albert, state bacteriologist, were present and gave talks on the different methods of quarantine.

"The establishment of a sub-laboratory in Des Moines was favorably considered; release of quarantine to be based on two negative laboratory culture reports."

On February 27th, Dr. Clifton Scott died as the result of a cerebral hemorrhage. Doctor Scott was a graduate of the Kentucky School of Medicine, Louisville, class of 1883. He came to Des Moines in 1890 to become associated with the teaching of the natural sciences at Highland Park College, which he continued until his death. He was also a teacher of physiology in the medical department of Drake University, maintaining a private practice in Highland Park. He was chairman of arrangements for the State Medical meeting in 1902, and very active in the Polk County Medical Society. Many tributes of high regard were accorded him for his services as physician and educator.

When the death of Dr. J. P. Crawford at Davenport was announced on March 24, it was recalled that his

twin brother, the late Dr. A. J. Crawford, formerly practiced in Des Moines and served as secretary of the Polk County Medical Society. He died at the untimely age of 30 years from pulmonary tuberculosis.

At the meeting of the Association of State University Medical Alumni at Iowa City on April 30th, Dr. E. E. Dorr was elected president.

The program of the State Medical Society for its annual meeting at Cedar Rapids May 15-17, listed the following Des Moines physicians:

Dr. E. Luther Stevens, "The Great White Plague."

Dr. A. R. Amos, "Extraction of Immature Cataract."

Dr. F. A. Ely, "Chorea Gravis."

Dr. John C. Doolittle served as chairman of the Section on Nervous and Mental Diseases.

The announcements of the College of Medicine of Drake University this year were listed in a new form*. "Member of the Association of American Medical Colleges," "Combined course of six years leading to a B.A., M.D., or B.S., M.D. degree." "Secretary, Ferdinand J. Smith, M.D.; dean, D. S. Fairchild, M.D."

On September 3rd, the first fall meeting was held which was the first of weekly meetings of the postgraduate work plan patterned after the programs published each month in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

At this meeting Dr. N. C. Schiltz presented the subject, "Regional Anatomy of the Chest," with the following assignments for the balance of the month:

- Sept. 10 "Anatomy of the Heart," H. J. Hoeve.
"Physiology of the Heart," Frank A. Ely.
- Sept. 17 "Myocardium and Pericardium," Eli Grimes.
"Endocardium," H. A. Minassian.
- Sept. 24 Clinical and business meeting.
Clinic conducted by James T. Priestley.

At the monthly meeting of the County Society, November 5th, Dr. Robert H. Babcock of Chicago, the eminent specialist in heart and lung diseases, was the guest speaker and attracted a large audience.

In the afternoon he gave a clinical lecture at Mercy Hospital to students and physicians on "Endomyocarditis" at which an audience of 125 persons was present.

During the remainder of the month, the postgraduate courses were continued (subjects not announced).

- Nov. 12 George Cullen
Frank A. Ely
- Nov. 19 D. S. Fairchild
A. C. Page
- Nov. 26 A. C. Price (M.D. Coll. P & S Ill. '04)
Thos. F. Duhigg (M.D. Jeff. Med. Coll. '04)

In addition to these postgraduate meetings, there appeared each month in the *Iowa Medical Journal*, a report on medical and surgical progress prepared by Dr. George Cullen, associate editor.

1908

The Des Moines Pathological Society had as its guest speaker for the meeting on January 3, Dr. H. R. Gaylord of Buffalo, who spoke on Cancer Research with lantern illustrations.

The Polk County Medical Society devoted the months of February and March to postgraduate study courses:

- Feb. 4 "Physiology of the Kidney," W. L. Mendenhall.
"Anatomy of the Kidney," Nelle S. Noble.
- Feb. 11 "Etiology of Kidney Diseases," Edw. R. Posner.
"Pathology of Kidney Diseases," H. G. Welpton.
- Feb. 18 Lecture by Dr. James B. Herrick, Chicago.
- Mar. 3 "Anatomy and Physiology of the Ureter and Bladder," Robert L. Parker
"Etiology and Symptomatology of Diseases of the Ureter and Bladder," A. P. Stoner.

*Iowa Medical Journal, 1907.

- Mar. 10 "Anatomy of the Urethra and Accessories," D. W. Finlayson.
 "Physiology of the Urethra and Accessories," *F. A. Ely.
- Mar. 17 "Etiology, Diagnosis and Treatment of Medical Diseases of Urethra," G. N. Ryan.
 "Etiology, Diagnosis and Treatment of Surgical Diseases of Urethra," W. W. McCarthy.
- Mar. 24 "Anatomy and Physiology of External Genitals of Female," H. D. Gray.
 "Surgery of External Genitalia of the Female," O. J. Fay.
- Mar. 31 Business meeting.
 "Anatomy and Physiology of Internal Organs of Female," E. E. Dorr.
 "Diagnosis and Treatment of Disease of Internal Organs of Female," D. W. Smouse.

At the meeting of the Des Moines Pathological Society on February 20, a paper was presented by Dr. Daniel F. Crowley (M.D., Creighton '06) on "Bacteriology and Pathology of Syphilis, with a few of its clinical features."

At the meeting on March 30, a paper on "The Public and Private Hygiene of Gonorrhea" was given by Dr. L. P. Piper (M.D., Drake '06).

The State Medical Society met in Des Moines May 20-22, under the presidency of Dr. Walter L. Bierring,* of Iowa City. The subject of his address was "The Duties and Responsibilities of a County Society." The chairman of arrangements was Dr. M. L. Turner and the following Des Moines physicians participated in the program: Eli Grimes, "Medical Aspects of Duodenal Ulcers"; E. E. Dorr, "Some Operative Conditions of the Menopause"; F. E. V. Shore, "Chronic Otitis Media, Value of Operative Measures."

The many Des Moines friends of Dr. J. F. Kennedy were saddened to

learn of his sudden death in Los Angeles, California, on September 26. For a period of twenty-two years he had been secretary of the Iowa State Board of Health and Medical Examiners, retiring two years before, to spend the remainder of his life in California. Dr. Kennedy held a high place in various social and fraternal organizations, was prominent in church work, and in all movements for the upbuilding of the city and its best interests.

1909

Beginning with this year, carefully prepared minutes of each meeting of the Polk County Medical Society are available, which will greatly facilitate the orderly recording of the activities of the Society through the following years.

At an adjourned annual meeting (1908) held on January 5, the following officers were elected: President, A. R. Amos; vice president, Robert L. Parker; secretary, J. W. Osborn; treasurer, Eli Grimes; censor, N. C. Schiltz; delegate, A. P. Stoner.

At the meeting on January 26 the following papers were presented: "Medico-Legal Aspects of the X-Ray" by Earl C. Mills, attorney; "X-Ray Therapy" by Eli Grimes, and "Some Therapeutics" by Walter E. Baker (M.D., '07).

Resolutions were adopted on the death of Dr. J. O. Skinner, who began practice in East Des Moines in 1857. He gave his medical library to Polk County Medical Society, which was temporarily housed in the Drake Medical College library.

At the meeting on February 23, the program included an interesting paper by Professor L. S. Ross, department of bacteriology, Drake College of Medicine, on "Some Peculiar Forms of Tubercle Bacilli," and one by Dr. H. J. Hoeve, professor of anatomy, on a "New Method of Febrile Study of the Brain," illustrated by lantern slides demonstration,* which brought forth much favorable comment and Dr. Hoeve was given a vote of thanks by the Society.

*Moved to Des Moines in 1910.

*Iowa Medical Journal, 1909.

At this meeting Dr. Thomas A. Burcham (M.D., Drake '06) was elected to membership. The by-laws were amended, "requiring one year of resident practice before being eligible for membership."

The program of the May 4 meeting was devoted to the subject of "Poisoning of Corrosives and Irritants," presented by Professor C. N. Kinney, Ph.D.; A. S. Begg, M.D., instructor in pathology, and C. B. Evans, dean of the College of Law, Drake University.

The secretary reported as of April 14 there were 81 paid members in the County Society, which entitled the Society to two delegates to the State Medical Society.

Resolutions were adopted on the death of Dr. E. D. Wiley (M.D., Bennett Ecl. Coll. '71) on February 28, stating "removes from the profession of Des Moines one of its best known members, whose professional and personal qualities had endeared him to all."

The Des Moines Pathological Society at its meeting on March 6 had two guest speakers: Professor Louis G. Michael of Iowa State College, who spoke on "Influence of Feeding on the Formation of Renal Calculi"; and Dr. Arthur C. Crofton of Chicago who discussed "Calcium Metabolism in Its Pathological Aspects."

At the State Medical Society meeting in Dubuque, May 19-21, Dr. N. C. Schiltz served as vice president, and Dr. M. L. Turner as chairman of the Section on Hygiene and State Medicine; Dr. W. W. McCarthy presented a paper on "Renal Calculi"; and Dr. A. R. Amos on the "Cost of Ophthalmia Neonatorum in Iowa Today."

Of the graduates of the June commencement of the College of Medicine, Drake University, the following were appointed to hospital internships. J. A. Downing and E. B. Mountain at Iowa Methodist Hospital, and Charles C. Walker at Mercy Hospital.

On July 1 an announcement was made of the resignation of Dr. D. S. Fairchild as dean of the College of Medicine of Drake University and the appointment of Dr. William W. Pear-

son as his successor. The new dean is referred to as "a man of great executive ability and a young man who will bring energy and snap to the work of the institution."

The first fall meeting of the County Society was held at the Hotel Colfax on October 28. There were 125 members and friends present "who all partook of a fine fifty cent dinner in the new hostelry."

The subject of "Tuberculosis" was presented by Dr. J. W. Kime, Fort Dodge; Dr. H. E. Kershner, Superintendent of Oakdale Sanatorium; Dr. Henry Albert of Iowa City, and Dr. Eli Grimes of Des Moines.

The November 30 meeting was held at the Drake Medical School, at which Dr. Hugh T. Patrick, clinical professor of nervous and mental diseases, Northwestern University Medical School, was the guest of honor, and spoke on the subject "Differential Diagnosis of Organic and Functional Nervous Diseases." Dr. Patrick also conducted a clinic in the afternoon at Iowa Methodist Hospital.

At this meeting the Board of Censors reported on three applicants for membership as follows: G. A. Field, M.D., Trinity Medical College, Toronto, 1898, favorably; Raleigh R. Snyder, M.D., Drake University, 1908, favorably; W. A. Guild, M.D., Homeopathic Medical College, Chicago, 1903, unfavorably. This report was unanimously supported by the vote of the Society.

At this meeting Dr. H. L. Saylor, city physician, made a report on the presence of typhoid fever in the city and asked the cooperation of the members of the Society in the endeavor to stamp it out.

1910

The annual meeting and banquet of the Polk County Medical Society was held on January 5, at the Savery Hotel. Following the dinner the election of officers resulted as follows: President, W. S. Conkling; vice president, Edw. R. Posner; secretary, J. W. Obsorn; treasurer, Eli Grimes; censor, A. R. Amos.

Drs. James E. Miller of Runnells and George E. Sanders (M.D., Drake '03) were elected to membership.

At the meeting February 1, Dr. William Jepson of Sioux City presented an exhaustive and instructive paper on "Cholecystectomy," which was discussed by many members of the Society. Dr. S. E. Lincoln also read an interesting paper on "Pneumonia."

The following applications for membership were favorably considered: Dr. Z. Fuller (M.D., S.U.I. '76); Dr. Homer S. Huckins (M.D., Rush '03), and Dr. Leslie M. Nourse (M.D., Drake '08), but that of Dr. W. H. Gibson (M.D., Bennett Eclectic '03) received unfavorable action.

At the March 27 meeting the following transfers of membership were acted upon favorably: Milo B. Stone, M.D., from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, District Medical Society; E. C. Stanley, M.D., from Hardin County Medical Society; Arthur Steindler, M.D., from Chicago Medical Society.

The State Medical Society met in Des Moines May 18, 19 and 20, and the following Polk County members were on the program: F. A. Ely, "Syphilis of the Cord"; O. J. Fay, "Diagnosis of Renal Calculus"; J. W. Cokenower, "Correction of Deformities Resulting from Infantile Paralysis"; A. C. Page, "Prevention of Typhoid."

On September 2, Dr. Walter L. Bierring of Iowa City came to Des Moines to become professor of theory and practice of medicine and clinical medicine at the College of Medicine, Drake University, and to enter consultation practice in internal medicine. He was accompanied by Dr. John H. Peck, who had been appointed assistant professor of medicine, in charge of physical diagnosis and the out-patient department service.

At the meeting of the County Society on September 27, Dr. F. C. Ely presented an interesting case of Brachial Palsy, which was discussed by Dr. Bierring. The secretary read the following resolution received from the Johnson County Medical Society:*

Whereas: Dr. W. L. Bierring will soon terminate his membership in the Johnson County Medical Society, to become a member of the Polk County Medical Society, and

Whereas: Dr. Bierring, during the years of his active membership in this Society by a genial disposition, by an ever courteous treatment of his fellow practitioners, by an indefatigable industry, and by scientific attainments of the highest order, has not only endeared himself to the members of the Johnson County Medical Society, but has attained high rank among the leading medical workers of the United States, be it

Resolved: That we, the members of the Johnson County Medical Society, hereby express our regret and sorrow because of his departure, that we believe his place as an efficient worker in this Society will not soon be filled, and further be it

Resolved: That we congratulate the medical profession of Polk County on this new but well tried acquisition to its ranks that we rejoice that Dr. Bierring will remain a member of the Iowa State Medical Society, and that the Iowa professional pulse will still continue to be quickened and stimulated by his example and by his achievements. We wish Dr. Bierring God-speed, and an overflowing measure of success in his new field, and further, be it

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of this Society, that a copy be sent to Dr. Bierring, and to the Polk County Medical Society.

We certify that the above resolutions were unanimously passed by the Johnson County Medical Society in regular monthly meeting July 6, 1910.

Signed

Clarence VanEpps, President
L. W. Littig, Secretary

There was a feeling of sadness throughout this meeting, in the thought of the absent member, Doctor L. Drake-ly Rood, who had died August 8 as the result of acute appendicitis, followed by septicemia. He was ill only

*Iowa Med. Jour., Aug. 15, 1910.

a few days. He was graduated from the University of Vermont Medical School in 1887, and had practiced in Des Moines 19 years. During recent years he had been specially interested in radiology.

At this meeting Doctor D. W. Smouse gave an interesting talk of his recent trip around the world.

At the meeting on October 25, Doctor W. L. Bierring was voted into membership by transfer from the Johnson County Medical Society, and later in the meeting presented a paper on "Infantile Paralysis" which was freely discussed by the audience, including members of the State Board of Health, Doctors McManus, Decker and Eiker, who were present as visitors.

At the meeting on November 29 Doctor H. L. Saylor made a report on the prevalence of typhoid fever in the city, and asked the cooperation of physicians to stamp it out. The following were elected to membership: Doctor Charles J. Ryan, by transfer from the Chicago Medical Society; Doctor Charles Burnside, from Audubon County, and Doctor W. E. Vest, from Poweshiek County. Doctor A. Locke Robertson, Professor of Pathology at Drake University, was present as a visitor. Three papers on tuberculosis were presented:

"X-ray Treatment of Tuberculosis."
Doctor C. N. O. Lier.

"Treatment of Joint Tuberculosis."
Doctor Oliver J. Fay.

"Treatment of Tuberculous Sinuses."
Doctor Arthur Steindler.

The annual meeting and dinner was held at the Savery Hotel, December 20, where the scientific program included: "Physiology of Temperature," W. L. Mendenhall;* Pathology of Temperature," A. Locke Robertson;** "Significance and Surgery," H. A. Minassian.

Dr. E. B. Mountain was elected to membership.

The annual election of officers resulted: President, O. J. Fay; vice presi-

dent, S. E. Lincoln; secretary, Thos. F. Duhigg; treasurer, Nellie S. Noble.

A special meeting was held on December 23 to consider the typhoid epidemic and methods of investigating the source of the same. Doctor H. L. Saylor reported "106 cases with names, addressee, age, facts concerning water and milk supply, the eating of various kinds of food such as oysters and ice cream, whether they had recently been out of the city, date of onset, and general progress of the disease to date." This report was illustrated by four charts showing incidence, location, distribution and mortality.

Doctor Lumsden of the United States Public Health Service discussed epidemics in general and complimented the City Health Department for their efforts in collecting information, and the work accomplished in resisting the spread of this disease. He also commented on the active cooperation by the medical profession of the city.

Following his address, there was a general discussion regarding the types of cases that had occurred, participated in by Doctors Priestley, Carson, Grimes, Schiltz, Ryan, Albert and Sumner.*

1911

The first meeting of the year was held on January 31, with Doctor O. J. Fay presiding. Three new members were elected, Doctors James A. Downing and Charles C. Walker, from Des Moines, and Doctor John H. Peck by transfer from Johnson County Medical Society.

The president appointed a legislative committee comprising Doctors Walter L. Bierring, E. E. Dorr and W. S. Conkling.

At the February 28 meeting the scientific program consisted of a "Review of Surgery During the Past Year" by Doctor Charles Burnside.

At the meeting on March 28, six new members were elected: Doctor A. Locke Robertson (Professor of Pathology, Drake University), Doctors Robert G. Davis, Lawrence E. Kelley,

*Professor of Physiology, Drake University College of Medicine.

**Professor of Pathology, Drake University College of Medicine.

*State Board of Health.

Charles M. Whicher, W. W. Maple, Gus B. Young and Ralph H. Parker, the latter by transfer from Buena Vista County Medical Society.

At the meeting April 25, a "clinico-pathological colloquium" was presented by Doctors Walter L. Bierring and A. Rocke Robertson, in which the clinical and pathological features of seven cases were reported.

The May meeting was deferred to June 6, at which the following scientific program was presented:

"Late Congenital Syphilis." Doctor Edw. R. Posner.

"Cystoscope as an Aid to Diagnosis (illustrated)." Doctor A. R. Weston.

"Observations on Sanitation at the Mobilization Camp at San Antonio, Texas." Doctor W. S. Conkling.

The following new members were elected: Doctors John Russell and Paul VanMeter.

An announcement was made of a "Course in Clinical Microscopy" by Doctor John H. Peck, at the Drake University Medical College, June 12 to 26.

A summer picnic meeting was held at Union Park July 10, at which Doctor James Taggart Priestley gave an interesting account of a recent trip around the world.

At the first fall meeting, on October 3, the scientific program consisted of: "Carcinoma of the Uterus." Doctor H. A. Minassian.

"Treatment of Eclampsia." Doctor A. C. Page.

The following new members were elected: Doctors Channing G. Smith and Harry M. Griffith.

At the meeting November 1 the following new members were elected: Doctor Daniel J. Glomset (Professor of Pathology and Bacteriology, Drake University College of Medicine, succeeding Doctor A. Rocke Robertson), Doctors John T. Strawn, Edward J. Harnagel, William E. Sanders and Charles F. Howland.

The president, Doctor O. J. Fay, appointed a committee to prepare a history of the Polk County Medical Society, consisting of Doctors Thos. F. Duhigg, Lewis Schooler, A. G. Field and J. W. Osborn.

The scientific program on November 28 was "Hemophilia (two cases)" by Doctor W. E. Baker, and "Occult Blood and Its Significance in the Diagnosis of Gastric Ulcer" by Doctor John T. Strawn.

Announcement was made of the changes in the instructional staff in the College of Medicine of Drake University, which are:

Doctor H. A. Minassian, Professor of Gynecology.

Doctor Daniel J. Glomset, Professor of Pathology and Bacteriology.

Doctor Paul E. Lineback, Assistant Professor of Anatomy.

Doctor John H. Peck, Director of the Dispensary, Drake University Medical School, 406 Center Street.

Doctor John T. Strawn, Instructor in Clinical Medicine.

Doctor A. S. Begg, Professor of Embryology and Histology.

The new laboratories in anatomy, pathology, physiological chemistry and physiology on Center Street had been completely renovated and equipped with the most modern scientific apparatus.

At the Iowa Methodist Hospital a pathological department had been established with Doctor Daniel J. Glomset as director, and Doctor Edw. J. Harnagel as resident pathologist.

A fully equipped Orthopedic Institution had also been completed, in charge of Doctor Arthur Steindler.

The annual meeting and banquet of the Polk County Medical Society was held at the Savery Hotel, December 19, at which the scientific program consisted of a presentation of "Pathology of Carcinoma of the Uterus" by Doctor D. J. Glomset.

The interesting new member elected at this meeting was Doctor Charles E. Ruth, by transfer from the Lee County Medical Society.

Doctor Ruth came to Des Moines with a well established reputation as a surgeon of outstanding ability. He was born August 17, 1861, in Iowa City, and was graduated in medicine from the State University of Iowa in 1883. He practiced in Atalissa from 1883 to 1887, at Muscatine from 1887 to 1892, when he moved to Keokuk

where he had been elected, in 1890, as Professor of Anatomy and Clinical Surgery at the Keokuk Medical College. He reported the first successful gastroduodenostomy performed in Iowa in 1891, and an end to end anastomosis of the caecum by means of the Murphy button in 1893. He had written extensively on the treatment of gunshot wounds and invented a number of surgical instruments.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were:

President, Walter L. Bierring.

Vice President, J. W. Osborn.

Treasurer, Nelle S. Noble.

Secretary, Thos. F. Duhigg.

The report of the treasurer indicated a cash balance of \$835.07.

1912

At the first meeting on January 30, 1912, the scientific program included a report on the "Condition of the Public Water Supply of Des Moines" by Robert N. Kinnaird, B.S., chemist of the Des Moines Water Works. This aroused a great deal of interest and promoted a vote of thanks by the Society.

A second paper was by Doctor W. L. Mendenhall, being a report on the "Symposium on Shock" as presented before the American Physiological Society.

The following new members were elected: Doctors Paul E. Lineback, Oscar W. Lowry and D. Unger.

A committee was appointed consisting of Doctors Fay, Hill and Turner to draft appropriate resolutions endorsing Doctor W. S. Conkling as a member of the Des Moines City School Board.

The president appointed a committee to arrange for the entertainment of the Missouri Valley Medical Society meeting at Colfax, March 21 and 22. The committee named were Doctors G. N. Ryan, R. G. Davis, A. P. Stoner, D. J. Glomset and John T. Strawn.

The scientific program on February 27 consisted of a paper by A. P. Stoner on "Carcinoma of the Mammary Gland," and a report on "Puerto Rican Medicine" by Doctor C. E. Ruth. Doc-

tor Ruth had spent two years in Puerto Rico before coming to Des Moines.

At the meeting on March 26 the scientific program was devoted to school health, as follows:

"The Need of Sanitary Inspection of Schools, and Medical Inspection of School Children." Doctor E. E. Dorr.

"Tonsillar and Adenoid Affections of School Children." Doctor F. E. V. Shore.

"The Binet Test for Mental Deficiency and Need of Ungraded Classes for Our Public Schools." Doctor Frank A. Ely.

The discussion was participated in by Professor Riddell of the Public Schools, Doctors A. G. Field and Ralph H. Parker.

The scientific program on April 30 included papers on "Pneumonia in Children" by Doctor Thomas P. Bond, and "Some Remarks on Diabetes" by Doctor W. E. Sanders.

At the meeting on May 24 the following papers were presented:

"The Treatment of the Normal Puerperium." Doctor M. L. Turner.

"The Treatment of Chronic Arthritis" (with lantern slides). Doctor Arthur Steindler.

The scientific program on June 25 included:

"The Diagnosis of Abdominal Ptosis" (with x-ray plates). Doctor W. E. Baker, Doctor Thomas A. Burcham.

"Anatomical Defectives." Doctor H. J. J. Hoeve (Professor of Anatomy).

(Note—This was the last appearance of Doctor Hoeve before the Society as he left soon afterward for Virginia to engage in the practice of medicine.)

At the first fall meeting of the Society, September 24, the following was presented:

"Status Thymo-lymphaticus," with report of four cases. Doctor J. A. Goodrich.

"Report of Autopsy Findings." Doctors D. J. Glomset, A. S. Begg.

The following were elected to membership in the Society: Doctors John Davis (brother of Robert G.) and J. W. Bailey.

An unusually interesting program was arranged for the meeting on October 29, including the following:

"Echinococcus of the Liver, with report of 2 cases." Doctor Edw. J. Harnagel.

"Cerebral Abscess." Doctor G. N. Ryan.

"Ophthalmoscopic Findings in Brain Abscesses and Brain Tumor." Doctor C. F. Howland.

"Demonstration of Specimen of Brain Abscess." Doctor D. J. Glomset.

"Clinical Demonstration of a Case of Aortic Aneurism treated by Silver Wire Method." Doctor Oliver J. Fay.

The resignation of Doctor Nellie S. Noble as Treasurer was accepted, as she was contemplating a trip abroad, and Doctor E. B. Mountain was elected Treasurer.

The following new members were elected: Doctors Martha Welpton, J. W. Elder, John Connell, Sidney Martin, J. W. Martin, E. B. Winnett and Philip G. Young, all of Des Moines. Doctor Fritz Rosenblatt was elected by transfer from Audubon County, and Doctor Thomas B. Throckmorton from Lucas County Medical Societies.

The meeting on November 26 included a scientific program as follows:

"Pyelotomy." Doctor Lewis Schooler.

"Lymphatic Tuberculosis." Doctor John H. Peck.

The following new members were elected: Doctors Russell C. Doolittle, Rodney P. Fagen and Charles W. Burt.

The annual meeting and banquet of the Society was held on December 17 at the Hotel Savery, with President Bierring in the chair.

The non-scientific program was entitled: "A Parody by the Polk County Medical Society quartette, comprising Doctors Granville N. Ryan, Robert G. Davis, Paul Lineback and Thos. B. Throckmorton. "The impersonation was by Doctor Linebeck." This was followed by a burlesque clinical history by Doctor Charles Ryan.

Doctor Frank A. Ely presented an interesting account of his recent three months' period of graduate study in Vienna.

The President appointed a committee consisting of Doctors Lewis Schooler, J. W. Osborn and Thos. F. Duhigg to draft appropriate resolutions on the death of Doctor George P. Hanawalt and Mrs. Harriett Page (widow of the late Doctor Homer R. Page, and mother of Doctor A. C. Page).

Doctor Hanawalt died on June 19, 1912 at the age of 76 years. He had

practiced medicine and surgery in Des Moines for forty-five years. He was Surgeon-General of the National Guard for twenty years. He served as President of the Polk County Medical Society in 1877 and President of the State Medical Society in 1880.

The President also appointed a committee on arrangements for the next meeting of the Iowa State Medical Society May 7, 8, and 9, consisting of Doctors T. F. Duhigg, A. P. Stoner and John H. Peck.

The President presented his annual report, after which the Secretary and Treasurer presented their reports. According to the Secretary's report, the Society had 163 members in good standing, compared with 151 in 1911, and 111 in 1910. The total attendance at ten meetings was 582, or an average of 35.5 per cent. The financial report of the Treasurer indicated a balance on hand of \$1,030.99.

One new member was elected at this meeting, Doctor Howard J. Wright, by transfer from Plymouth County Medical Society.

A committee was appointed, consisting of Doctors Pearson, Ruth and Whicher, to draft appropriate resolutions on the death of the daughter of Doctor D. G. Mendenhall on November 21, and of his wife on Thanksgiving morning.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Doctor D. W. Smouse.

Vice President, Doctor Granville N. Ryan.

Secretary, Doctor Thos. F. Duhigg.

Treasurer, Doctor E. B. Mountain.

1913

The first meeting of the year was held on January 28 at the Hotel Savery, with Vice President G. N. Ryan in the chair. The scientific program comprised:

"Formaldehyde Disinfection." Professor A. J. Ross, Drake University.

"Goitre." Doctor Thos. F. Duhigg.

The Board of Censors having reported favorably on the application of Doctor T. C. Denny, he was duly elected to membership in the Society.

Doctor G. N. Ryan suggested a

conference with the City Council to consider the erection of cottages for contagious diseases. Upon motion of Doctor Schooler a committee consisting of Doctors Schooler, Minassian and Schiltz was appointed to meet with the City Council.

A committee was appointed to draft appropriate resolutions on the death of Doctor E. C. Stanley, the committee being Doctors Davis, Strawn and Throckmorton.

The Board of Censors were called upon to report on the cases of Turner versus Will (counter charges on ethical misconduct). The complainants and all visitors were asked to retire, and the Society went into executive session.

The Boards of Censors made the following recommendation:

"The Board of Censors regret the publicity which has been given to this matter in the lay press. Also that various laymen have tried to influence the Board in their action.

It would seem to the Board of Censors that all such matters should be settled within the membership of our own profession and that the Board of Censors should be unhampered by outside influence.

Therefore, by reason of the facts before stated, and for the welfare of the Polk County Medical Society, the Board of Censors respectfully recommend that no further action be taken in the matter."

Signed: Wilbur S. Conkling,
Chairman
Oliver J. Fay
Wm. W. Pearson

The report of the Board of Censors was adopted.

At the meeting on February 25, the following scientific program was presented:

"Early Diagnosis of Abdominal Trauma." Oliver J. Fay, M.D.

"Clinical Report on Nine Cases of Pernicious Anemia." W. L. Bierring, M.D.

The discussion was participated in by Doctors Ruth, Conkling, Cullen, Glomset, Pearson, Harnagel, Ely, Peck, Bierring and Fay.

The Board of Censors having reported favorably on the application of Doctor M. M. Scheuer, he was elected to membership.

A special meeting was called for March 16 in order to listen to an ad-

dress on "Municipal Administration of Health Laws" by Doctor George B. Young, Chicago, lecturer for the American Medical Association.

The discussion was participated in by Mr. Van Liew (City Commissioner), Doctor G. H. Sumner (State Board of Health), and Doctors Volding, Pearson and Bierring.

A regular meeting of the Society was held on March 25, at which the following scientific program was presented:

"Auxiliary Complications Following Mammary Excision in Advanced Malignancy." Chas. E. Ruth, M.D.

"Colonic Adhesions." Chas. J. Ryan, M.D.

The following applications for membership were acted upon favorably: Doctors Margaret Armstrong and J. Alvin Jefferson.

The following resolution commending those who responded to the call for doctors and nurses following the cyclone in Omaha was adopted:

Resolved: That the Polk County Medical Society wishes to record its appreciation of the self-sacrifice and prompt response to the call of duty manifested by the members of the Relief Train sent to Omaha on Monday morning, March 24th, on the occasion of the cyclone disaster on Easter Sunday."

(Note: The following appeared in the Iowa Medical Journal April 1913.)

"True to the principles of the medical profession and its inherent tenets, the medical men of Des Moines met the call for assistance in a truly heroic and humane manner when the news came to Des Moines that they were needed on the scene of the cyclone devastation.

Many were called from their beds on March 24th, and told that their services were needed in Omaha and that a special train would convey them to the scene of the accident at eight-thirty.

Forty physicians and sixteen nurses responded to the call and reached Omaha at one P.M. fully organized as a Red Cross body ready to lend assistance wherever it might be needed. Fortunately our services were not needed but the spirit of helpfulness was manifest in the timely effort."

At the meeting on April 29 the scientific program consisted of the following:

"The Thalmic Syndrome." Frank A. Ely, M.D.

"The Clinical Significance of Reflexus." Thos. B. Throckmorton, M.D.

Doctor Nelle Noble "made a pleasing response to the invitation to relate some of the incidents of her trip abroad."

A committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of establishing a medical library in the State Library. The committee named was Doctors Hill, E. E. Dorr, O. J. Fay and W. W. Pearson.

The Society met in regular session May 27 at the Hotel Savery, at which time the following program was presented:

"Indications for Administration of Iodides in Syphilis." Edward R. Posner, M.D.

"Puerperal Fever." G. A. Field, M.D.

Doctor Joseph Winnett was elected to membership and Doctor H. A. Habenicht was admitted by transfer from the Wayne County Medical Society.

At the meeting on June 24 the following papers were read:

"Hemiplegia and the Hemiplegic State." R. C. Doolittle, M.D.

"Surgical Treatment of Pyosalpinx." Howard D. Gray, M.D.

Doctor M. M. Shaw was elected to membership by transfer from Boone County Medical Society.

Several significant events occurred during this period. At the close of the 1912-13 session of the College of Medicine, Drake University, it was decided to close the school and arrangements were made for its merger with the Medical College of the State University.

The faculty was loyal and gave of their best for the welfare of the school and it was only the lack of adequate endowment that forced the school to end its activities.

On June 1, 1913, the cornerstone of the Iowa Lutheran Hospital was laid with appropriate ceremonies. It was located on an elevated site on Parnell Street on the east side.

At the September 30 meeting the following scientific program was presented:

"Report on a Clinical Case of Chronic

Diarrhoea of Twenty-years Duration." William E. Sanders, M.D.

"Some Limits in Operability of Malignant Neoplasms." Fritz Rosenblatt, M.D.

"Contracted Pelves in Obstetrical Cases." J. R. Condon, M.D.

Doctor Pearson reported that the State Librarian was ready to receive and care for the Drake Medical Library. (This may be regarded as the beginning step in the later establishment of the State Medical Library.)

The following new members were elected: Doctor Grace Doane, Eleanor M. Hutchinson, H. H. Littlefield, Edgar Earwood and Frank A. Will. Doctor J. W. Greenman was admitted by transfer from Lancaster County Medical Society of Nebraska.

The Society met on October 28, at the Hotel Savery, when the following program was presented:

"The Transverse Abdominal Incision for Pelvic Surgery in the Female." John Davis, M.D.

"Observations and Impressions of European Surgery." David S. Fairchild, Sr., M.D., Clinton.

The medical travelogue by Doctor Fairchild was listened to with great interest.

The Board of Censors having reported favorably upon the applications of Doctors H. A. Willett and V. E. Bellinger, they were elected to membership in the Society. Doctor C. W. Harned was admitted by transfer from Scott County and Doctor Mary Neff by transfer from the Jefferson County Medical Society.

The scientific program presented at the meeting on November 25 was:

"Vestibular Nystagmus." C. P. Cook, M.D.

"Infant Feeding." M. L. Turner, M.D.

Doctor G. A. Heidel was admitted to membership by transfer from the Muscatine Medical Society.

Resolutions were adopted on the death of Doctor James Cunningham Jordan and the Secretary directed to send a copy of the same to the family of the deceased.

The annual meeting and banquet was held at the Hotel Savery on December

23. The 56th Regiment Band rendered music during the dinner. The principal feature of the scientific program was an address by Doctor F. J. Percy of Galesburg, Illinois, on "A New Point of View of Nephritis and Its Treatment."

Following this address Doctor Foss, of Philadelphia, gave an interesting talk on Alaska, illustrated with numerous views.

Doctor James M. Shields was elected to membership in the Society.

The following officers were elected: President, Granville N. Ryan, M.D. Vice President, J. C. Rockafellow, M.D. Secretary, Thomas F. Duhigg, M.D. Treasurer, E. B. Mountain, M.D.

The attendance was ninety-four members and seven visitors.

1914

At the first meeting January 27, held at the Savery Hotel, a distinguished authority in American public health, Doctor H. M. Bracken, Secretary of the Minnesota State Board of Health, appeared on the program to discuss "The Administration of Sanitary Laws Relating to Infectious Diseases."

In addition, a further paper on "The Relation of Milk to Public Health" was presented by Doctor Daniel J. Glomset.

On March 13, the first patient was admitted to the Iowa Lutheran Hospital erected on Parnell Street in East Des Moines and thus began a great period of hospital service.

On April 28, the Society began to hold its monthly meetings in the City Library, which continued until the annual meeting in December.

At a special meeting on June 25 Doctor Frederick A. Cook, the arctic explorer, presented an interesting address on the "Medical Phases of Arctic Exploration." Doctor Cook had given a public address in the city, and expressed the desire to appear before the County Medical Society.

During the year the following were elected to membership: Doctors C. M. Post, A. O. Wirsig, Julius S. Weingart,

C. S. McDevitt, T. A. Minassian, L. A. Packard, J. L. Van Gordon, Joseph Brown, P. B. Glew and D. J. Jacobsen.

The annual meeting was held December 22 in the Savery Hotel. The guest speaker was Doctor Charles Spencer Williamson, Dean and Professor of Medicine of the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, who addressed the Society on the subject, "Some Misconceptions in Diseases of the Heart, With Suggestions as to Their Correction."

The following officers were elected: President, F. E. V. Shore; Vice President, Channing G. Smith; Secretary, Thomas F. Duhigg; Treasurer, E. B. Mountain.

1915

At the first meeting January 26, the principal paper was presented by Doctor Arthur Steindler, who gave an interesting report on 1,000 orthopedic cases.

The guest speaker at the meeting on March 30 was the Honorable E. E. Fitzsimmons, U. S. Commissioner, who discussed the "Harrison Anti-Narcotic Law."

The October issue of the *Journal of the Iowa State Medical Society* was devoted to a Festschrift in honor of Doctor James Taggart Priestley, and comprised an introduction, Historical and Personal, by Doctor Walter Lawrence Bierring, and interesting articles by Doctors Frank A. Ely, Julius Weingart, Oliver J. Fay, Eli Grimes, Lawrence E. Kelley, Wilton McCarthy, Daniel J. Glomset, H. A. Minassian, E. R. Posner, Addison C. Page, W. W. Pearson, John H. Peck, J. C. Rockafellow, Fritz Rosenblatt, Arthur Steindler, J. T. Strawn, and Tom B. Throckmorton.

The following new members were elected during the year: Doctors W. F. Brinkman, L. O. Carey, L. S. Yates, Max Emmert (transfer from Cass County), R. W. Durkee, Fred Moore, Harry E. Ransom, J. D. Simons, George Alden and J. E. Kiley.

The annual meeting was held December 28 at the Savery Hotel, with 120 members and 30 visitors present.

The guest speaker was Thomas B. Hartzell, D.M.D., M.D., Minneapolis, who presented an interesting address on "Secondary Infections of Dental Organs and Their Treatment."

The following officers were elected: President, J. C. Rockafellow; Vice President, Channing G. Smith, Secretary, Thomas F. Duhigg; Treasurer, E. B. Mountain.

1916

At the first meeting of the Society on January 25, two interesting papers were presented: "Practical Diagnosis and Treatment of Benign Tumors of the Bladder" by Doctor Edward J. Harnagel, and "Society and the Motion" by Doctor Frank A. Ely.

Resolutions were adopted in tribute to Doctor Thomas F. Kelleher who died on January 3 at the age of 61 years. He had been an active practitioner in Des Moines more than 30 years and had been greatly interested in the development and growth of Mercy Hospital, being President of the Board of Trustees during the last ten years of his life.

At the meeting on February 29, Doctor Daniel J. Glomset presented a paper on "Tumors of the Sympathetic and Chromophilic Systems," and on March 28, Doctor Tom B. Throckmorton read a paper on "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis."

The regular meeting of the Polk County Medical Society on November 28 was a testimonial to Doctor Archelaous G. Field, who at 87 years of age, presented a lecture on microphotography illustrated with lantern slides. He had been a pioneer in this type of medical research, having first presented it to the Society more than 40 years before. Doctor Field had been in practice 66 years, a past president of the County Society (1869) and State Medical Society (1872) and the only living member of the State Society who had signed the Articles of Incorporation in 1868. In his presidential address in 1872, he discussed the "Microbic Origin of Disease." It was a fitting testimonial to one of the great men in Iowa medicine.

A second contribution was a historical review of the Polk County Medical Society by Doctor James T. Priestley and some of the interesting personalities in its membership. This was followed by an historical account of the Iowa State Medical Society by a former president, Doctor David S. Fairchild.

The following members were elected during 1916: Doctors J. Alvin Jefferson; W. H. Bills of Madrid, from Fulton County, Illinois; E. E. Morton from Palo Alto County, California; Francis R. Holbrook; William M. Smit; J. F. Auner; D. W. Wheelwright, and H. W. Smith, by transfer from Dallas-Guthrie County.

The annual session was held on December 19, at which Doctor J. C. Rockafellow presented his presidential address on "The Destiny of the Bone Graft," illustrated with lantern slides.

The following officers were elected: President, H. A. Minassian; Vice President, William E. Sanders; Secretary, Thomas F. Duhigg; Treasurer, E. B. Mountain.

1917

The March 27 meeting was devoted to a medical military program. With World War I in the offing the following seemed timely:

"Army Organization"—Major Wilbur S. Conkling; "Field Work of the Medical Corps"—Major Thomas F. Duhigg; "Base Hospitals"—Captain John Russell; "Camp Diseases"—Captain Rodney P. Fagen.

A committee was appointed consisting of Doctors C. E. Ruth, John H. Peck and Ross Houston, to draft resolutions on the recent deaths of Doctor Frederick J. Will and Doctor W. E. Vest.

The May 27 meeting was devoted to a discussion of the Medical Reserve Corps of the U. S. Army, which was participated in by Doctors Pearson, Bierring, Ruth, Schooler, Conkling and Lowery.

The following members of the Society had been commissioned or had made applications for commissions in the Reserve Medical Corps, U. S. Army: Doctors Conkling, Duhigg, Russell, Fagen, Clift, Kessell, Mallory,

Burcham, Jacobsen, Willett, Weston, Morden, Elden, Osborn, Stuart, Arnold, Ruth, Booker, Leir, Lynch, Price and Rosenblatt.

At the June 10 meeting resolutions were adopted on the recent death of Doctor R. L. Stuart.

A committee comprising Doctors Bierring, Priestley and Glomset presented a plan of taking care of practices of those members entering military service which was unanimously adopted.

At a special meeting on June 25, the Society adopted a resolution to be forwarded to the War Department, recommending the selection of Camp Dodge as a site of the proposed Cantonment because of its location and facilities of sanitation.

At a special meeting on September 15, the guest speaker was Colonel Louis A. LaGarde, M.C., U.S.A., retired, who was introduced by Doctor Walter L. Bierring. Colonel LaGarde spoke on "Gunshot Injuries in Modern War," illustrated with lantern slides.

"He gave an interesting history of the development of the modern rifle, shrapnel and high explosive shells, and the science of ballistics. The character of the weapons and projectiles and the character of the wounds they produce were illustrated by lantern slides. His long experience in the Army enabled him to give a lecture which was extremely interesting and enlightening. He was given a rising vote of thanks."

At the meeting on September 25, resolutions were adopted in tribute to Doctor N. C. Schiltz, whose untimely death was due to melanotic sarcoma.

The meeting on October 15 was honored by the presence of three distinguished guests: Colonel Charles Dercle, Medical Corps of the French Army; Colonel T. H. Goodwin, Medical Corps of the English Army; Colonel E. L. Munson, Medical Corps of the United States Army.

"Major Goodwin spoke on the general subject of the World War, with special reference to his personal observation as a surgeon at the front since the beginning of the war. Colonel

Dercle presented an interesting paper on the sanitary service of the French army, illustrated with moving pictures; the methods of transportation of the various sanitary units and the wounded; the construction of the dressing stations, field and base hospitals; X-ray equipment for field service, including its special motor car transportation, and improved method of construction and heating a field operating room. Colonel Munson was introduced but did not make an address."

At the annual meeting December 18, the following program was presented:

"The Non-Specific Character of Bacterial Vaccines" by Major Joseph L. Miller, Commanding Officer, Camp Dodge.

Lieutenant W. L. Witte, U. S. Public Health Service, briefly outlined the plans for the control of venereal diseases in the cantonment area.

The officers elected were: President, William E. Sanders; Vice President, Eli Grimes; Secretary, Thomas F. Du-higg; Treasurer, E. B. Mountain.

The following new members were elected in 1917: Doctors H. B. Press; C. A. Arnold; E. W. Lehman; F. B. Langden; Meredith Mallory; A. C. Reynolds, Mingo; Julia F. Hill; Albert B. Stuart; L. K. Meredith; Park A. Findley; Martin I. Olsen, transfer from Dana County, Wisconsin; F. L. Williams, transfer from Oregon State Medical Society, and E. Luther Stevens, reinstatement from Interlaken, Florida.

1918

At the March 28 meeting special honor was extended to Doctor Charles Nelson Olsen Leir for the distinction of having won the French Croix de Guerre for bravery on the battlefield in France, and a resolution was adopted by the Society expressing appreciation of the distinguished honor conferred on one of its members.

Resolutions were adopted at the April meeting on the death of Doctor Azuba Daly King, a life member of the Society.

At the October 29 meeting Doctor Oliver J. Fay presented an interesting paper on "The Relation of the Doctor to the Iowa Workmen's Compensation

Service." Doctor Fay had been appointed the first Medical Consultant to the State Industrial Commission.

A discussion of the "Recent Epidemic of Influenza" by Doctor Walter L. Bierring was presented at the meeting on November 26.

The annual meeting and banquet was held December 17 at the Chamberlain Hotel. Mrs. Grace Clark DeGraff rendered several vocal selections.

In the absence of the President and Vice President, Major John H. Peck was elected to preside.

The guest speaker was Major Edward T. Edgerly, M.C., Commanding Officer of Camp Dodge, who discussed "The Recent Influenza Epidemic at Camp Dodge."

The following officers were elected: President, John H. Peck; Vice President, C. C. Shope; Secretary, Thomas F. Duhigg; Treasurer, E. B. Mountain.

The Secretary's report indicated a membership of 202 and the Treasurer's cash balance was \$563.35.

During the year 1918 the following new members were elected: Doctors C. B. Luginbuhl; G. A. May from Audubon County; A. D. McKinley from Chickasaw County; Isaac Odell from Cape Girardeau County, Missouri; Henry C. Schmitz from Marshall County.

1919

At the January 28 meeting, resolutions were adopted on the death of Doctor Homer C. Potter, a practitioner of more than 50 years. He was the son-in-law of Doctor Andrew Y. Hull, the first president (1851) of the Polk County Medical Society.

On February 28, the guest speaker was the noted authority on public health, Doctor William A. Evans, who presented an address on the "Recent Epidemic of Influenza in Chicago."

The programs of the year largely comprised the experience of the members in the recent war as:

March 25: "Personal Observations with the 168th Infantry in France," Doctor C. N. O. Leir. "Respiratory Diseases in the Army," Doctor D. J. Glomset.

May 27: "Progress of X-ray During the Past Two Years, with Special Refer-

ence to its Value on the Recent War," Doctor Thomas A. Burcham.

June 27: "Medical Service in the Champagne and the Argonne," Doctor Wilbur S. Conkling.

November 25: "Meningitis in a Base Hospital," Doctor J. W. Osborn.

The members of the Society were invited to attend the lecture by Doctor Victor C. Vaughn, Ann Arbor, Michigan, before the Des Moines Pathological Society on November 29.

The Society met for its annual meeting and banquet at the Harris-Emery Tea Room December 23, at which the guest speaker was John G. Bowman, Ph.D., Director of the American College of Surgeons, and former President of the State University of Iowa, who spoke on "Clinical Medicine in Hospitals."

The officers elected were: President, Channing G. Smith; Vice President, Charles F. Smith; Secretary, Thomas F. Duhigg; Treasurer, E. B. Mountain.

The new members elected during 1919 were: Doctors David E. Rouse; Leon E. Dawson; R. W. Mendelson; G. E. Turner; William Carpenter; Thomas F. Edwards, by transfer from Mason (Missouri) County; C. H. Morgan; F. W. Rice; Erwin Schenk; Ellis G. Linn; Verl A. Ruth; Harry D. West; E. E. Lashbrook; Willard J. Fenton; E. D. McClean, from Mahaska County; R. Fred Throckmorton, from Lucas County; Clifford W. Wells; M. M. Myers, J. M. Brooks, from Buena Vista County. Doctor D. W. Smouse was elected to life membership.

1920

A significant action was taken by the Society in appointing a committee to study a plan of coordinating the services of Samaritan Hospital, the Hospital for Contagious Diseases and City Health Center, which made its report at the September 28 meeting recommending that the city assign the Samaritan Hospital over to the county and that a hospital Board of Trustees be named with the purpose of grouping all these services in one County Hospital. This was the first step in a pro-

gram that did not materialize until several years later.

At the November 28 meeting the guest speaker was Doctor Julius H. Hess, prominent specialist in pediatrics of Chicago, who presented an interesting lecture on "The Care of Premature and Congenitally Diseased Infants," illustrated with lantern slides.

At this meeting resolutions were adopted on the death of Doctor George Cullen. A report was presented on the proposed State Medical Library by Mr. Johnson Brigham, State Librarian, and his assistant, Miss Brenton.

The annual meeting and banquet was held at Younkers Tea Room, December 28, at which the guest speaker was the well-known blind physician and distinguished specialist in cardio-vascular diseases, Doctor Robert H. Babcock of Chicago, who presented an interesting address on "Diagnosis and Management of Cardiac Disorders Based on 35 Years of Clinical Practice."

At this meeting the following officers were elected: President, J. W. Osborn; Vice President, A. P. Stoner; Secretary, H. E. Ransom; Treasurer, E. B. Mountain.

The following new members were elected in 1920: Doctors John H. Tait, B. R. Huntington, Harry H. Dilley, H. L. Youtz, Frank W. Fordyce, Frederick Allen, B. J. Callahan, Harry Burns, Philip G. Watters, William P. Hornaday, Edson E. Gadd, A. L. Cochran, James E. Dyson, Harold J. McCoy, Eugene H. McCaffney, George McCreight, F. E. McClure, J. Vincent Smith, Helen Johnston. By transfers: Marlin T. Brewer, from Dallas-Guthrie Counties; Oran W. King, Poweshiek County; W. B. Chase, Jasper County, and J. M. Brooks to Life Membership.

1921

At the first meeting of the year, January 26, a resolution was adopted in appreciation and recognition of the excellent services of Doctor Thomas F. Duhigg as Secretary of the Polk County Medical Society during the preceding ten years.

An interesting guest speaker at the March 29 meeting was Doctor Wilfred T. Grenfell of Labrador, who gave an illustrated talk on medical conditions in Labrador.

Another interesting meeting was the one on September 27 when Doctor Frank Billings of Chicago gave an address on "Present Day Technique in Medical Practice With Special Reference to the Problems of the General Practitioner." "He favored group practice and the development of County Hospitals." "An inspiring message from a great dealer in American Medicine."

At this meeting a report was submitted by Doctor Bierring, Chairman of the Committee on the Samaritan Hospital, 406 Center Street, which recommended that the name be changed to Des Moines City Hospital and that all city charity medical interests be coordinated in this one hospital; the City Hospital to receive no pay or private patients; the control to be vested in a Board of Trustees, who were to appoint an attending medical and surgical staff on a rotating service of four months each; two resident physicians to be employed at a salary of \$150 a month; the School of Nursing to be continued and that the city physician, Doctor Saylor, be provided with an assistant.

At the annual meeting and banquet held at the Grant Club, Doctor J. Frank Auner acted as toastmaster and introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Harvey Ingham, editor of the *Des Moines Register*, who presented an interesting address with special reference to the historical development of medical practice in Iowa.

A resolution was offered by Doctor Bierring, expressing the gratification and congratulations of the Society on the recent appointment of Doctor Rodney P. Fagen as Secretary of the State Board of Health and Medical Examiners.

The officers elected were: President, A. P. Stoner; Vice President, M. L. Turner; Secretary, H. E. Ransom; Treasurer, E. B. Mountain.

The following new members were elected in 1921: Doctors R. R. Simmons; Charles E. Holloway; B. Harrington; Thomas Byrnes, Woodward; Robert H. Crawford; A. M. Linn; E. Nordgren; Alice Humphrey Hatch; Jennie M. Coleman; Lee Forest Hill; E. S. Lawrence; G. A. Huntoon; Mary K. Heard; George S. Marquis. Life members: Doctors E. E. Dorr and W. Van Werden.

1922

At the April 25 meeting the guest speaker was Doctor Ross Golden, Chief Roentgenologist of Presbyterian Hospital, New York City. Doctor Golden had formerly been a practitioner in Des Moines.

The National G. A. R. Encampment in September brought two interesting visitors to the County Society meeting that month: Doctor Louis H. Pilcher, distinguished surgeon of New York City, and Doctor George Harding of Marion, Ohio, the father of President Harding.

On October 31, the guest speaker was Doctor Ludvig Hektoen of Chicago, who spoke on the "Contagiousness of Scarlet Fever." Another visitor was Doctor T. W. Kemmerer, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C., who gave an interesting report of the recent epidemic of bubonic plague in Galveston, Texas.

The annual meeting and banquet was held December 26 at the Hotel Fort Des Moines, at which Doctor Walter L. Bierring acted as toastmaster and introduced the following speakers: Judge M. J. Wade, "The Fight Is On"; Rev. F. O. Hansen, Superintendent, Iowa Lutheran Hospital, "Hospital Obligations to the Patient"; Henry L. Adams, President, Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, "Obligation of the Public to the Physician."

Doctor A. P. Stoner presented his presidential address entitled "Facing the New Day in Medicine." It outlined a record of great progress and achievement with significant social changes. It decried compulsory health insurance. He recommended the appointment of a "Committee on Health"

and a Society Bulletin to be issued bi-monthly.

The officers elected were: President, Charles J. Ryan; President-Elect, M. L. Turner; Vice President, D. J. Glomset; Secretary, H. E. Ransom; Treasurer, E. B. Mountain.

The following new members were elected in 1922: Doctors G. A. Adams, C. M. Chapman, W. H. McCartney, H. R. Peasley, Cecil C. Jones, Margaret N. Nelson. For Life Membership: Doctors A. A. Anderson and Lewis Schooler.

1923

The guest speaker at the April 24 meeting was Doctor Vincent O'Conner of Chicago, who discussed "Modern Methods of Urological Diagnosis and Treatment."

At this meeting resolutions were adopted on the recent death of Doctor A. Leonard of Mitchellville.

The County Society was host to the Tri-State Medical Assembly when it met in Des Moines October 29, 30, 31 and November 1, and it was recognized that the success of the clinical assembly which was attended by 1,500 physicians was due to the excellent provisions in each detail by the committee of arrangement. The clinics began at 7:00 a. m. and patients with other preparations were ready for the guest clinicians on time. The speakers on the program comprised some of the great medical leaders of the United States, Canada and Great Britain.

Des Moines was further honored by the election of Doctor A. C. Page as president of the Tri-State Medical Assembly.

At the November 27 meeting resolutions were adopted on the death of Doctor J. J. Flannery, as well as Doctor E. H. Hazen, who had died in Oakland, California, on August 3. Doctor Hazen was a well-known ophthalmologist of his period, being the first to practice that specialty in Des Moines when he came here from Davenport in 1880.

The guest speaker at the annual meeting in December was Doctor Karl

A. Meyer of Chicago, who gave an illustrated lecture on "Surgery of Penetrating Ulcers of the Stomach."

At this meeting President-Elect M. L. Turner was installed as President and in the following election, W. W. Pearson was chosen President-Elect; Thomas A. Burcham, Vice President; L. K. Meredith, Secretary, and John Russell, Treasurer.

The following new members were elected in 1923: Doctors N. Boyd Anderson; George T. McMahan; H. T. McPherrin; A. G. Felter, Van Meter; David M. Blum; Tayler Jackson; H. W. Dahl; C. W. Taylor; W. B. Sperrow; William Sharp, and Roy R. Miller, by transfer from Webster County.

1924

At the meeting on June 24, Doctor Morehouse, President of Drake University, appeared before the Society regarding the establishment of a post-graduate School of Medicine in connection with Drake University and asking for the cooperation of the medical profession of Des Moines. It was moved by Doctor W. E. Sanders that the Polk County Medical Society give active support to the proposal and appoint a committee to cooperate with Drake University in its efforts to develop such a Graduate Medical School. It was discussed with enthusiasm and approved.

Attention was directed to the annual meeting of the Medical Society of Missouri Valley in September, and it was moved that the President appoint a committee to arrange a Polk County Medical Society Clinic in conjunction with the above meeting.

At the regular meeting November 25, Doctor Henry F. Helmholz of the Mayo Clinic presented an interesting lecture on "Chronic Pyelitis."

The annual meeting and banquet was held December 19 at the Hotel Fort Des Moines, at which the following officers were elected: President-Elect, Thomas A. Burcham; Vice President, R. L. Parker; Secretary-Treasurer, L. K. Meredith.

1925

At the February 24 meeting the Society voted a contribution of \$100 to the W. C. Gorgas Memorial Fund to be paid in four quarterly installments of \$25 each.

At this meeting resolutions were adopted on the recent death of Doctor Charles F. Smith.

The Board of Censors recommended that Doctor B. B. Huntington be removed from membership in the Society by reason of unethical conduct, which was approved.

The Society was entertained at its meeting September 29 by an interesting report of the Interstate Post-Graduate Clinical Tour of European Medical Centers by the two participants from Des Moines, Doctor A. C. Page and Doctor J. C. Rockafellow.

The guest speaker at the November 24 meeting was Doctor J. A. Bargaen of the Mayo Clinic, who presented an illustrated lecture entitled "The Treatment of Chronic Ulcerative Colitis, Based on Our Present Knowledge."

The annual meeting and banquet was held December 21 at the Hotel Fort Des Moines, at which the following officers were elected: President-Elect, Wilton W. McCarthy; Vice President, James A. Downing; Secretary-Treasurer, L. K. Meredith.

Following the business session, President D. W. Morehouse of Drake University gave an interesting illustrated lecture entitled "Where We Are."

The following new members were elected in 1925: Doctors J. B. Synhorst, E. E. Linn, H. E. Johnson, Donald C. Konzett, and W. W. Hansell by transfer from Poweshiek County.

1926

At the meeting on January 26, Doctor Morris Fishbein, Editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, presented an interesting address on "Informing the Public."

This was followed by a "Memoriam" dedicated to the memory of two distinguished members of the Polk County Medical Society who had deceased during the previous year: Doctor Ger-

shom H. Hill, who died November 23, 1925, and Doctor James Taggart Priestley, who died December 11, 1925.

The members expressing tribute at this memorial exercise were: Doctors D. S. Fairchild, Walter L. Bierring, Lewis Schooler and William W. Pearson. Following this resolutions were adopted for Doctors Hill and Priestley.

When Doctor Wilbur S. Conkling passed from the stage on June 11, 1926, an entire community paid him tribute as a high minded physician and leader on every movement for the public welfare.

At the September 22 meeting of the Polk County Medical Society, a memorial program was held as a testimonial to Doctor Conkling.

Tributes were spoken by Doctors D. S. Fairchild, Lewis Schooler, Frank L. Williams, Walter L. Bierring and General Matthew L. Tinley. Letters of appreciation were read from former associates in France, Major Walter B. Cannon of Boston, Colonel William Darraeh and Colonel George C. Brewer of New York City and Surgeon General Merritte W. Ireland of Washington, D. C.

The following new members were elected during 1926: Doctors M. A. Royal; D. H. Kast; A. W. K. Akerley; George H. Finch; H. N. Anderson; Joseph Goldstone; H. E. Henry; Harry A. Collins; L. D. Powell; L. A. West; Henry Albert, by transfer from Washoe County, Nevada; S. Lall, from Searcy County, Arkansas; A. M. Merritt, from Marion County, and Charles Sprague, from Pocatello, Idaho Medical Society.

The annual meeting and banquet was held December 20 at Wakonda Club and commemorated the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Polk County Society.

A program booklet had been specially prepared by the historian, Walter L. Bierring, and presented brief historical notes of the organization of the Polk County Medical Society on October 24, 1851, at Fort Des Moines, with a photostatic copy of the *Iowa*

Star November 13, 1851, giving a complete account of the organization meeting and biographic sketches of the early medical pioneers of Polk County; it also contained photos of the first president, Doctor A. Y. Hull, and other early members.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: President-Elect, Ralph H. Parker; Vice President, A. D. McKinley, and Secretary-Treasurer, L. K. Meredith.

This was followed by a scholarly and interesting address by Doctor Julius Weingart on the "Fallacies of Modern Education."

Doctor Thomas A. Burcham, the retiring president, presented his "Swan Song," "which proved to be a very masterly paper setting forth recent governmental and state legislation as it pertains to the medical profession."

The new president, Doctor McCarthy, made a brief address. A social evening closed this interesting anniversary program.

1927

At the first meeting January 25, Doctor C. G. R. Forrester of Chicago, the guest speaker, discussed "The Modern Treatment of Fractures," illustrated with lantern slides.

On February 22, Doctor Fred M. Smith, Professor of Medicine, University of Iowa, read an interesting paper on "The Treatment of Cardiac Failure." On March 29, the Society met in conjunction with the Des Moines Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association to hear Doctor Charles H. Mayo, Rochester, Minnesota, present the subject of "Military Surgery."

At the meeting on April 20, Doctor Thomas G. Orr, Professor of Surgery, University of Kansas, presented an address on "Intestinal Obstruction—Experimental and Clinical." At the same meeting Doctor Daniel J. Glomset discussed the "Philosophy of Therapeutics."

Resolutions were adopted on the recent deaths of two members of the

Society, Doctor Guy E. Clift and Doctor C. C. Shope.*

At the meeting October 25, the Society adopted resolutions of tribute on two deceased members: Doctor Charles E. Holloway, a graduate in Homeopathy, who affiliated with the Polk County Medical Society to become one of its highly regarded and active members. He died October 15, 1927, age 57 years. Doctor A. M. Linn, a graduate of New York Homeopathic College in 1883, was an active practitioner for 40 years and a member of the Iowa State Board of Health and Medical Examiners. He died August 22, 1927.

The annual meeting was held at Wakonda Country Club, December 19, at which the following officers were elected: President-Elect, Charles E. Ruth; Vice President, A. E. Merkel; Secretary-Treasurer, L. K. Meredith.

New members elected in 1927: Doctors E. J. Kelley, H. A. Sohm, Orr Falls, E. P. Lovejoy, H. C. Bone and H. H. London.

1928

The first meeting, January 31, was devoted to a clinic, conducted by Doctor Julius S. Weingart, president of Broadlawns General Hospital Staff, at which 12 interesting clinical conditions were presented.

Resolutions were adopted on the recent deaths of Doctors H. H. Littlefield and A. L. Peacock.

The April 24 meeting was honored by the presence of Doctor S. W. Hartwell, a former Iowa practitioner and now with the Baker Foundation Psychiatric Clinic of Boston, who spoke on "The Old Fashioned Physician's Successor." This was followed by Doctor Henry S. Houghton,** the new Dean of the College of Medicine at the University of Iowa, who presented interesting "Remarks on Medical Conditions in China."

At the meeting in October, resolutions

were adopted on the recent death of Doctor Carl M. Post.

The following new members were elected in 1928: Doctors William Sproul, Carl Stutsman, Robert Phinney, James Wallace, R. J. Stephen, Mae Hall Habenicht, Albert E. Johann, Henry E. Kleinberg (transfer from Dallas-Guthrie Counties), Dennis H. Kelly, Grace M. Sawyer, Audra D. James and William G. Morgan.

The annual meeting and banquet was held at Wakonda Country Club at which the following officers were elected: President-elect, Edward J. Harnagel; Vice President, C. W. Tyler, and Secretary-Treasurer, L. K. Meredith.

1929

At the first meeting January 29, resolutions were adopted in memory of Doctor Lewis Schooler who died October 10, 1928 at the age of 80 years. "The Society lost one of its most loyal friends, the community one of its most worthy exponents of scientific medicine and the profession at large, one of its great leaders."

A memorial program was arranged for the February 26 meeting in appreciation of Doctor M. L. Turner, who deceased on January 26, 1929, in which the following participated: Doctors Edward R. Posner, Walter L. Biering, Fred Moore and J. A. Jefferson. Doctor Turner was referred to as the father of pediatrics in Des Moines, having been the first physician to practice that specialty in 1912.

Resolutions were adopted at the March 26 meeting in tribute to Doctor Edward E. Dorr, who died on December 14, 1928, after a prolonged illness at the age of 65 years. Doctor Dorr was widely known as the editor of *The Iowa Medical Journal* from 1900 to 1914 when it was merged with the *Journal of the State Medical Society*. He served the County Society as president in 1905.

An exchange program with the Jackson County Medical Society, Kansas City, Missouri, was arranged for May 28, at which the following papers were presented:

*Father of Doctor Richard Shope, well-known investigator of virus diseases, former member of Staff Institute Comparative Pathology, Rockefeller Foundation, and now director of research of the Merck Corporation.

**Doctor Houghton was Dean of the Peking University Medical School at Peking, China, for 25 years before coming to Iowa.

"Some Phases of Plastic Surgery," Earl G. Padgett, M.D.

"Epidemic Meningitis," P. M. Stookey, M.D.; Landis Elliott, M. D.; and Frank Teachenor, M.D.

The guest speaker at the meeting of November 26 was Doctor Allen B. Kannel of Chicago who spoke on "Diagnosis and Treatment of Infections of the Hand."

The following new members were elected in 1929: Doctors F. O. Woodward; Elmer E. Kottke; George H. Walters; E. T. Scales; Clement A. Sones (from Jasper County); Arnold M. Smythe; Burlin E. Keen; Harold C. Black; Bernard C. Barnes; Henry E. Decker; Sam T. Ricker and N. M. Hansen (from Pottawattamie County).

The annual meeting and banquet was held December 18 at Younkers Tea Room at which the following officers were elected: President-elect F. R. Holbrook; Vice President Russell H. Doolittle; and Secretary-Treasurer L. K. Meredith.

The guest speaker was William J. Burns, the Executive Secretary of the Academy of Medicine, Toledo, Ohio, who presented an address entitled "Modern Functions of a County Medical Society."

1930

With this year a new Chapter began in the history of the Polk County Medical Society.

A Committee had been appointed at the annual meeting December 18, 1929, comprising Doctors John H. Peck, Fred Moore, Frank W. Fordyce, F. R. Holbrook and L. K. Meredith, to consider a plan for larger and broader function of the Society. A merger of the Des Moines Academy of Medicine and the Polk County Medical Society was accomplished. The first meeting of the combined society was held on September 30, and Articles of Incorporation were filed on October 3, 1930.

On March 29, 1930, Mr. Edwin M. Kingery began his service as Executive Secretary (full time) and in March Volume 1, Number 1 of the *Bulletin of the Polk County Medical Society*

was issued. The *Bulletin* became the medium for the publishing of programs, hospital and professional news, obituaries and other items of interest to the members. The bound volumes will constitute an historical record of the Society.

A new constitution and by-laws was adopted which provided for the following:

1. A change in name to Des Moines Academy of Medicine and Polk County Medical Society.

2. Creation of a Board of Trustees of five members.

3. A council to transact the business of the Society, of eleven members.

4. A new classification of membership was instituted: Active, Junior Active, Privileged, Emeritus, Non-resident, Associate and Intern members.

A number of eminent guest speakers appeared before the Society; at the March meeting, Doctor George W. Corner, Professor of Anatomy, University of Rochester, New York, gave an interesting historical account of the search and discovery of the Mammalian ovum.

On May 26, Doctor Charles Singer of London, England, the well known medical historian, appeared before the combined society, and the University Club and the wives of members; Doctor Singer spoke on "The Scientific Change from Medieval to Modern Medicine."

At the regular meeting September 30, Doctor R. H. Jaffe, Pathologist, Cook County Hospital, Chicago, presented "The Visceral Changes in the Late Stages of Acquired Syphilis, with special reference to Syphilitic Aortitis."

The Medical Society of the Missouri Valley met in Des Moines October 15, 16 and 17 and presented an interesting clinical program in which several local physicians and a large number of leading authorities in American Medicine contributed to the program.

At the annual meeting December 16, 1930, the following officers were elected: President-elect, Simon E. Lincoln; Secretary-Treasurer, L. K. Meredith; Trustee for five years, E. J.

Harnagel; Counselor at Large for three years, John Russell.

During the year 1930 the Society lost several of its great leaders. Doctor David S. Fairchild died on March 22, 1930, at the age of 83 years. He was referred to as "The Nestor of Iowa Journalism, long-time editor of the *Journal* of the State Society, a former teacher at Drake Medical School, a past-president of the State Medical Society, whose attractive personality had left its impress upon everyone with whom he came in contact."

"In the untimely death of Doctor Henry Albert on April 6, 1930, Polk County Medical Society mourned the loss of one of its most valuable and enthusiastic members. As State Commissioner of Health he had distinctly advanced the cause of Public Health in the short period of four years of service."

On July 28, 1930, Doctor Charles M. Whicher died of coronary thrombosis at the age of 61 years. At the time of his death he was medical director of the Royal Union Life Insurance Company and head physician of the Homesteaders Life Insurance Association. "His medical ideals were high, and he possessed a rare personal charm that endeared him to his friends."

1931

Resolutions were adopted at the meeting on January 27 in memory of Doctor Charles E. Ruth who died on December 11, 1930. "This brought to a close a remarkable professional career, including military service in two wars, teaching in anatomy and surgery at the Keokuk Medical College, a surgical practice of thirty years in Des Moines, with special contributions in the field of plastic and abdominal surgery, and the treatment of intracapsular fracture of the femur."

A testimonial dinner was arranged for Doctor Walter L. Bierring March 7 by the Des Moines Library Club. Doctor D. J. Glomset acted as toastmaster, and the program symbolized the life of Doctor Bierring as a pine tree, "*Arbor magnificus, var. Bierring*," tracing the heritage, environment, professional ac-

tivities through "the roots," "the sapling," "the young tree," "the branches" and "growing taller still," "more branches and blossoms" and "Star among stars," with the following speakers:

Doctors D. Hildung Berglund, University of Minnesota, Karl Vollmer, Davenport, E. W. Rockwood, Iowa City, John H. Peck, Des Moines, Dean Henry S. Houghton, Iowa City, Robert B. Preble, Northwestern University, Chicago, William Jepson, Sioux City, Harvey Ingham and President D. W. Morehouse of Des Moines, with a closing poem by Chief Justice F. F. Faville, Iowa Supreme Court.

A volume of testimonial letters from friends in the United States and Canada was presented by Doctor Fred Moore.

At the meeting May 26, resolutions were adopted expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Polk County Medical Society to Doctor and Mrs. David W. Smouse for their contribution to Des Moines and Iowa of the David W. Smouse Opportunity School for handicapped children, and further, that a committee represent the Society at the dedication ceremony on May 31, 1931. The committee selected was Walter L. Bierring, Walter E. Baker, Oliver J. Fay, Fred Moore and A. C. Page.

The guest speaker on June 30 was Doctor Arthur E. Hertzler of Halstead, Kansas, who gave an interesting address on "Recent Studies in the Pathology of the Genito-urinary System."

An illustrated lecture on "Clinical Significance of Electro-cardiography" was presented by Doctor W. L. Bierring on October 27.

At the annual meeting December 15, at the Des Moines Club, a memorial service was arranged for the following departed members: Doctors F. E. V. Shore; John C. Doolittle; and O. W. Lowery.

The officers elected were: President-elect Robert L. Parker; Secretary-Treasurer L. K. Meredith; Member of Board of Trustees D. F. Crowley, and Member of the Council Martin I. Olson, both re-elected.

On December 16, before the section on Experimental Medicine, the guest

speaker was Doctor Henry E. Sigerist, Professor of Medical History, University of Leipzig, who presented an illustrated lecture on Medicine in the Renaissance," particularly the contributions of four unusual physicians—Fracastoro, Paracelsus, Vesalius and Paré.

Doctor Joseph B. Priestly was elected a member in 1931.

1932

During the year 1932 the Society lost a number of its leading members by death. Doctor George Royal died on January 26 at 78 years of age; he was one of the oldest Homeopathic practitioners in the city, who had gained prominence in Homeopathic Medical Societies, both state and national—and for many years was a member of the Homeopathic Medical Faculty at the University of Iowa.

On March 26 occurred the tragic death of Doctor Merrill M. Myers, a specialist in heart diseases and one of the most promising young physicians in the State. Doctor H. A. Habenicht died on June 6 at the age of 54 years. There was general sorrow over the sudden death of Doctor A. D. McKinley from coronary thrombosis, on July 9. As medical director of the Des Moines Health Center he had rendered unusual service to the community.

On November 18 two active members of the Society, Doctors Frederick A. Alden, age 54 years, and Calvin W. Harned, M.D., D.D.S., age 53 years, died suddenly from coronary thrombosis while on a pheasant hunting trip in northern Iowa.

In the September, October, November and December issues of the *Bulletin* appeared the "Medical History of Polk County" by Walter L. Bierring, being a compilation of the Historical Notes presented at the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Meeting of the Polk County Medical Society on December 20, 1926.

An interesting news item appeared in the July *Bulletin*, stating that "Doctors Thomas A. Burcham, Oliver J. Fay, F. R. Holbrook, and William R. Hornaday left Des Moines July 27 by airplane to attend the Olympic games at Los Angeles, stopping en route at

Cheyenne, Wyoming, to witness the Frontier Rodeo."*

During the year Doctor Arthur F. Kendall, research professor of bacteriology, Northwestern University, in February, spoke on "Filterable Bacteria," and Doctor Robert Kuntz, professor of anatomy, St. Louis University Medical School, gave an illustrated lecture on "Visceral Sensitivity and Visceral Pain."

At the annual meeting in December Doctor Fred Moore was named President-elect and Doctor L. K. Meredith was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

1933

The March *Bulletin* announced the appointment by Governor Clyde L. Herring of Doctor Walter L. Bierring as State Health Commissioner, effective July 1, 1933.

Because of belligerent activities in western Iowa near LeMars and Denison, several local physicians connected with military units were called into service, including Major Frank L. Williams; Major Charles N. O. Leir; Capt. Harry W. Dahl; Capt. Herbert B. Saylor and Capt. Henry G. Decker.

The July *Bulletin* announced the following:

"A simple banquet and reception marked the Society's official recognition of the honor won by Doctor Bierring in his election as President-elect of the American Medical Association, at the annual convention in Milwaukee last month. More than a hundred members of the Society, a few of Doctor Bierring's many local friends outside the profession and delegates of the Iowa State Medical Society, dined together at Wakonda Club, the evening of June 29.

"It was an unexpected pleasure to have Major-General Merritte W. Ireland, former Surgeon-General of the United States Army, and a close friend of Doctor Bierring, present for the occasion. The brief after-dinner program was opened by President Robert L. Parker. Doctor Fred Moore, campaign

*This adventure resulted in the booklet "Tom and Me," illustrated by the Cartoonist, Jay N. (Ding) Darling.

manager 'super-excellent,' acted as toastmaster, in presenting him, spoke briefly of Doctor Bierring's many practical qualifications for the high office. A standing ovation was accorded Doctor Bierring when he arose to acknowledge the honor. He expressed greatest pleasure in his 'preferment' as President-elect to whatever recognition might be brought to Iowa and Des Moines and local medical societies."

Resolutions were adopted by the Council of the Des Moines Academy of Medicine and Polk County Medical Society at its regular meeting August 29, 1933, in which it was resolved: "That no member of the Society shall enter into contract with a corporation, organization or individual, to furnish partial or full medical service to a group or class of individuals for a definite sum or for a fixed rate per capita, in such a manner as to definitely exclude competition, unless he shall first submit a copy of the proposed contract to the Council of the Society and it is approved by this body."

In the September *Bulletin* appeared the announcement of a Postgraduate Course, arranged by the departments of Pediatrics and Obstetrics, and Internal Medicine, College of Medicine, University of Iowa, to be presented each Wednesday for ten weeks at the Hotel Fort Des Moines, as follows:

Pediatrics and Obstetrics—20 hours, 2 hours each week for ten weeks—Wednesday 5 to 7 p.m.

Internal Medicine — Diagnosis and Treatment—20 hours, 2 hours each—Wednesday 8 to 10 p.m.

Regular meetings were cancelled in favor of these postgraduate lectures.

During the year the Society lost the following members by death: Doctors Harry H. Dailey, James R. Condon, Hjalmer A. Elmquist, D.D.S., an Associate member, and William Van Werden, M.D., a Life member of the Society.

At the annual meeting of the National Tuberculosis Association, Doctor John H. Peck was elected President. This was a distinct recognition of his leadership in the field of tuberculosis and a great honor to Iowa medicine.

At the annual meeting December 19, Doctor George A. May was named President-elect and Doctor Leonard A. West, Secretary-Treasurer.

1934

In the February *Bulletin* appears an "In Memoriam" of Doctor Eli Grimes, who died January 14, prepared by Doctor William W. Pearson. It was a fine tribute in memory of one of the leading practitioners of Des Moines during the preceding 36 years, a student and investigator, who had a high reputation as a consultant in internal medicine.

At the meeting on March 27, the guest speaker was Doctor Joseph C. Ohlmacher, Professor of Bacteriology and Pathology, and Dean of the Medical Faculty, University of South Dakota, who spoke on "Functional Basis of Certain Kidney Disorders."

Doctor Thomas A. Burcham was honored at the annual session of the State Medical Society by being named President-elect.

The Des Moines Chamber of Commerce sponsored a public reception at the Savery Hotel, Friday noon, June 22, in honor of Doctor Walter L. Bierring who had been inducted into the Presidency of the American Medical Association at Cleveland earlier in the month. Doctor John T. McClintock, Acting Dean, College of Medicine, University of Iowa, spoke briefly in appreciation of Doctor Bierring.

At the October 26 meeting, the guest speaker was Doctor Russell L. Cecil, Professor of Clinical Medicine, Cornell University Medical College, who spoke on "Influenza and the Common Cold." At the meeting on November 28, Doctor Morris Fishbein of Chicago, presented an address on the "Changing Order."

At the October meeting of the Society the Rules and Regulations were amended changing the annual meeting date from December to January.

The December *Bulletin* announced the death of Doctor Wilton W. McCarthy at Annapolis, Maryland, on December 13. He was a past-president and a long-time member of the Polk County Medical Society.

During the year 1934, the following members were elected: Doctors Julian M. Bruner, D. J. McDonald, Jesse H. McNamee, Leo C. Nelson, Herman J. Smith, and by transfer, Buell Ashmore, Don L. Braddy, Carl F. Jordon, Walter Kirch, Fred J. Sternagel and Erwin Von Graff.

1935

At the annual meeting January 29, the following officers were elected: Clifford W. Losh, President-elect; N. Boyd Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer; James E. Dyson, Trustee; Lee Forest Hill, Councilor.

Guest speakers during the year:

February 12, Henry W. Woltman, M.D., Rochester, Minnesota, "Deficiency Diseases of the Nervous System."

March 14, Emil Novak, M.D., Baltimore, Maryland, "The Endocrin Aspects of Sterility."

May 20, Richard H. Jaffe, M.D., Chicago, Illinois, "Tumors of the Ovaries with special reference to their Hormone Action."

September 23, John F. Erdman, M.D., New York, New York, "Common Duct Injuries and their Reconstruction."

October 17, Harold B. Cushing, M.D., Montreal, Canada, "Poliomyelitis."

The following "In Memoriam" are noted:

Frank A. Will, M.D. (1886-1935), January 21, 1935—A. E. Johann, M.D.

William Stevenson, M.D. (1858-1935), September 16, 1935—L. K. Meredith, M.D.

Ralph H. Parker, M.D. (1873-1935), November 13, 1935—William E. Sanders, M.D.

During the year the following new members had been elected: Doctors Joseph A. Goodrich, Benjamin F. Kilgore, Shiam Lall, Floyd M. Burgeson, Ralph W. Snodgrass, and Glen E. Snyder.

During 1935 there was much discussion in the *Bulletin* and other medical journals on the medico-economic aspects of medical practice, including compulsory health insurance and socialization of medicine.

A significant closing expression appears in an address of Doctor Oliver J. Fay, as President at the Northwestern Medical Conference: "God forbid that we doctors aspire to a political dictatorship, but may He spare us that

greater tragedy—the degradation of bureaucratic control."

1936

At the annual meeting, January 28, Doctor Walter E. Baker was elected President-elect, and Doctor N. Boyd Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer.

The January, 1936, issue of *Radiology* contained a photograph of Doctor Thomas A. Burcham with the announcement of his election as President of the Radiological Society of North America at the Detroit meeting, December 2-6, 1935.

The following guest speakers appeared during the year:

February 7, Edward A. Schumann, M.D., Philadelphia, "Ectopic Pregnancy."

March 10, Carl Herman Gellenthau, Valmora, New Mexico, "Practical Methods of Sanatorium Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis."

May 9, Hugh Young, M.D., Baltimore, "Urologic Diagnosis."

September 4, Dean Lewis, M.D., Baltimore, 4-5 p.m., "Clinical Cases."

5-6 p.m., "Clinical Cases."

8-9 p.m., Walter E. Dandy, M.D., Baltimore, Lecture—"Diagnosis of Bone Lesions."

9-10 p.m., "Diagnosis and Treatment of Brain Tumors."

October 13, Joseph A. Weinberg, M.D., Omaha, "Bronchiectasis." Harry E. Eggers, M.D., Omaha, "Experimental Study of Cancer."

November 24, Fred Z. Havens, M.D., Rochester, "Malignancy of the Mouth, Face and Upper Air Passages—Its Diagnosis and Treatment."

On April 22 a special dinner was arranged in honor of Doctor Thomas A. Burcham, President of the Iowa State Medical Society, at which Doctor Oliver J. Fay gave the principal address. At the close, Doctor Clifford W. Losh, President, presented to Doctor Burcham a gold and marble desk set from the Polk County Medical Society.

Doctor Lee Forest Hill was named Editor of the *Journal, Iowa State Medical Society*, beginning January 1, 1937.

The following were elected to membership: Doctor David T. Nicoll, by reinstatement and Doctors John C. Parsons, James W. Young and Doctor Maurice T. Bates by transfer.

"In Memoriam"

Alva P. Stoner, M.D. (1867-1935), May 31, 1936—William E. Sanders, M.D., David Mitchell Blum, M.D. (1898-1936), December 13, 1935—Edw. R. Posner, M.D.

1937

At the annual meeting on January 26, Doctor Oran W. King was named President-elect, Doctor N. Boyd Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer, and Edwin M. Kingery, Executive Secretary.

Special lectures during the year were:

January 12, Richard E. Shope, M.D., Rockefeller Institute, New York, "Recent Studies in the Etiology of Influenza." This was of special interest as the guest speaker is a native son—his father being the late Doctor C. C. Shope of East Des Moines.

February 23, the program was provided by Clarence Van Epps, M.D., Iowa City, and the following members of the staff from the University of Iowa College of Medicine: O. R. Hyndman, M.D., "Encephalographic Interpretation of Tumors in and about the Third Ventricle, Aqueduct and Fourth Ventricle." C. Gregory Barer, M.D., "Muscular Disorders"; and A. L. Saks, M.D., "The Hypersensitive Brain State."

March 9, Public meeting at Hoyt Sherman Place, R. G. Leland, M.D., American Medical Association, Chicago, "Medical Economics."

April 7, William Weston, M.D., Columbia, South Carolina, "Role of Iodine in Nutrition."

October 26, The program was presented by a guest team from Council Bluffs. Fred H. Beaumont, M.D., "The After Care of Anal Rectal Surgery." William E. Ash, M.D., "Hypoglycemic Therapy in the Psychoses." Gerald V. Caughlan, M.D., "Staphylococcic Kidney."

The following new members were elected during the year: Doctors Van C. Robinson, Harry L. Rowat, Thomas A. Bond, Howard G. Ellis, Thomas E. Evers, Henry H. Gurau, Alonzo L. Jenks, Jr., Floyd A. Springer, A. M. Stephen, and Donald H. Kaup, the latter by transfer.

"In Memoriam"

Jesse W. Coontz, M.D. (1875-1937), February 28, 1937, Edw. J. Harnagel, M.D., James W. Osborn, M.D. (1863-1937), May 21, 1937, H. J. Wright, M.D., Ray W. Noland, D.D.S. (1887-1937), October 3, 1937, J. W. Marion, D.D.S., Robert Phil Parriott, M.D. (1873-1937), December 2, 1937, Clarence P. Cook, M.D.

1938

At the annual meeting January 25, Doctor Russell C. Doolittle was named President-elect, Doctor N. Boyd Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer, Doctor Lester D. Powell, Trustee, and Doctor Douglas N. Gibson, Councilor.

On Sunday afternoon, January 30, a Des Moines city-wide forum was held at the Hoyt Sherman Place on Venereal Diseases, at which the principal speaker was Doctor Morris Fishbein of Chicago. Governor Kraschel also gave a brief address. The forum was attended by more than 900 persons.

The February meeting was held at Broadlawns Hospital, February 26, at which time the scientific program consisted of a report on the recent local milk-borne streptococcic epidemic; the "Clinical Manifestations" were presented by Doctor Fred J. Sternagel, and the Epidemiological report by Doctor Thomas E. Evers from the State Department of Health, which was followed by a lecture by Professor F. A. Merchant, D.V.M., Iowa State College, on "Bovine Mastitis with relation to Human Disease."

Doctor Nelle S. Noble was honored by being named President-elect of the American Medical Woman's Association at the June meeting in San Francisco. This is the first time that an Iowa woman physician has been so distinguished.

On November 1 at the Savery Hotel a very enjoyable "social evening" was arranged by the Polk County Medical Women's Auxiliary, which was attended by 160 members of the Polk County Medical Society and their wives.

During the year the following were published:

"In Memoriam"

Ernest A. Hunt, M.D. (1876-1938), March 4, 1938, by A. C. Page, M.D.

Ross Huston, M.D., (1882-1938), May 2, 1938, by A. E. Johann, M.D.

Jennie M. Coleman, M.D. (1868-1938), December 3, 1938, by Alice H. Hatch, M.D., Nelle S. Noble, M.D.

At the annual meeting January 31, Doctor Howard D. Gray was elected President-elect, Doctor N. Boyd Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer, Doctor Harold C. Bone, Trustee, and Doctor Harold C. Black, Councilor.

During the year the following special meetings were held:

March 4, Donald R. Black, M.D., Kansas City, Missouri, "Pathology and Physiology of the Liver and Pancreas as applied to the Treatment of Diabetes." George H. Thiele, M.D., Kansas City, Missouri, "Clinical Manifestation of Ano-Rectal Diseases and their Treatment."

March 5, A city-wide forum was held at Hoyt-Sherman Place at which Doctor Thurman B. Rice, Professor of Bacteriology and Public Health, University of Indiana, spoke on "The Problems of Sex Education."

April 18, The guest speaker was Doctor Everett D. Plass, University of Iowa, who presented a paper on "Indications for Caesarian Section."

October 24, Daniel L. Sexton, M.D., St. Louis, "Endocrinology and its Clinical Application."

December 13, Sumner L. Koch, M.D., Chicago, "Principles in the Treatment of Open Wounds."

At the September 26 meeting, the revised Rules and Regulations were adopted. While the name Des Moines Academy of Medicine and Polk County Medical Society was retained, it was stated that for convenience the title Polk County Medical Society could be used in lieu of the complete title.

The following new members were admitted during 1939: Doctors Addison W. Brown, Edward J. Drew, Howard G. Ellis, Everett M. George, Marvin F. Haygood, Arnold L. Nelson, Allan B. Phillips and A. Bryce Stearns.

During the year the following were published:

"In Memoriam"

David W. Smouse, M.D. (1853-1939) by Walter E. Baker, M.D.

Hugh G. Welpton, MD. (1870-1939) by Clarence P. Cook, M.D.

Edson E. Gadd, M.D. (1869-1939) by Howard D. Gray, M.D.

At the annual meeting January 17, Doctor Daniel J. Glomset was elected President-elect; Doctor N. Boyd Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer; Doctor Floyd W. Rice, Trustee; and Doctor Emory L. Mauritz, Councilor.

On February 28 the guest speaker was Doctor J. F. Biehn of Chicago, associated with the Abbott Laboratories, who gave an illustrated lecture on "Therapeutic Implications of Medical Research" and on March 20, Doctor Palmer Findley of Omaha, spoke on "Socialized Medicine in Sweden," followed by an interesting travelogue of Sweden, illustrated with colored movies.

A special event of the year was the donation to the Iowa Methodist Hospital by Doctor Oliver J. Fay of his private medical library of 1500 volumes, completely bound and catalogued. "It will be adequately and beautifully housed in space off the lobby of the hospital where it is readily available to physicians, interns, nurses, medical technicians and students. The library will be known as the Iowa Methodist Hospital Medical Library, Founded by Doctor Oliver J. Fay."

Another interesting event was the election of Doctor Frank A. Ely as an Honorary Alumnus of Jefferson Medical College at a special occasion on June 6 in Philadelphia.

This honor was conferred on Doctor Ely in recognition of the services of his grandfather, Reverend Ezra Stiles Ely, in providing the first building for the College in 1825.

Beginning with the September meeting, the Polk County Medical Society inaugurated a didactic and clinical post-graduate course for its members and friends to be continued during the fall of 1940 and the first part of 1941.

The didactic lectures to be given at the Hotel Fort Des Moines, September 18, November 20, March 19, and May 21. The program to consist of two lectures on timely and practical subjects by Doctors of national reputation. Those participating included Doctors James T. Priestley, II, Rochester; Clif-

ford J. Barborka, Chicago; James Barrett Brown, St. Louis; Andrew C. Iry, Chicago; David P. Barr, St. Louis; George E. Shambaugh, Jr., Chicago; Elmer L. Severinghaus, Madison; and Eugene M. K. Geiling, Chicago.

The clinical meetings were held, one at each of the local hospitals, on October 16, December 18, February 19, and April 16, the programs to be arranged by the staff, preceded by a dinner, the members of the Society and friends to be guests of the hospital.

The program was arranged by a committee consisting of Doctors Daniel J. Glomset, Chairman; President Howard D. Gray; Secretary N. Boyd Anderson; Bernard C. Barnes; A. D. James; Cecil C. Jones; C. B. Luginbuhl; Joseph B. Priestley, and Herman J. Smith. The hospital programs were in charge of Doctors Anderson, Barnes, Luginbuhl and Smith.

During the year 17 new members were elected: Doctors John L. Barner; Richard F. Birge; Lindsay J. Erwin; Charles S. Fail; James Fraser; Edwin N. Hesbacher; Rheda L. Huff; Phyllis E. Jones; Leo R. Pearlman; Eric P. Pfeiffer; Generva Schmidt; Howard H. Smead; Regnor M. Sorenson; Theodore Stuckart; Virginia Thompson; Ellis K. Vaubel and A. Paul Atkins, D.D.S.

"In Memoriam"

Leone Morden Scruby, M.D. (1876-1940) by Nelle S. Noble, M.D.

Denny Alonzo Brann, Ph.G. (1880-1940) by L. L. Eisentraut, Ph.G.

Charles Nicholas Olsen Leir, M.D. (1869-1940) by John Russell, M.D.

Floyd Britton Langdon, M.D. (1890-1940) by E. P. Lovejoy, M.D.

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At the annual meeting January 15, Doctor James E. Dyson was elected President-Elect; Doctor Donald H. Kast, Secretary; Doctor J. B. Synhorst, Trustee, and Doctor Joseph B. Priestley, Councilor at Large.

It was a year of medical preparedness, in which the Polk County Medical Society assumed its fullest responsibility by its members entering into active military duty, serving as examining physicians to local draft boards, on

medical advisory and army induction boards, and in every way willingly doing their share in "Defense of Democracy."

It had become a custom to publish "The President's Page" in the monthly *Bulletin*, and it seems fitting to refer to the excellent and timely contributions each month by President D. J. Glomset. Each was carefully prepared with a scholarly favor that reflected a stimulating and refreshing viewpoint of the various community problems in which the Society was concerned.

There was the further constant urge to assume the fullest responsibility in the oncoming emergency period.

The following appeared in the May *Bulletin*:

"The medical profession and the entire community were saddened by the untimely death in April of Doctor Fred Moore, a leader in every movement for social betterment, the father of the School Health Service of the Des Moines Public Schools, the planner of the Smouse Opportunity School, a leading specialist in children's diseases, and a leader in local, state and national affairs. As a member of the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals, A.M.A., he distinctly influenced the trend of medical education in America. He passed from the stage at the threshold of still greater usefulness and leadership."

The postgraduate program was continued by clinical meetings on October 15, October 29 and December 4, prepared by members of the Society.

A guest speaker program on November 12 was presented as follows: "Iron Deficiency Anemia" by Doctor Willis M. Fowler, Iowa City; "The Treatment of Anemia" by Doctor William Parry Murphy of Boston.

During the year 21 new members were added to the Society roll: Doctors A. Astrom, A. H. Baier, J. W. Bailey, E. J. Butzke, John P. Darling, Charlotte Fisk, J. B. Fraser, F. O. Graeber, Joseph T. Haffer, Harold Klockslem, S. R. LaTona, George E. Mountain, Charles A. McCall, E. C. Penn, M. J. Reiminger, R. R. Stickler,

Howard V. Turner, Thomas R. Updegraff, Lawrence A. VanHale, John F. Veltman and Eugene C. Wagoner.

During the year the following were published:

"In Memoriam"

Fred Moore, M.D. (1883-1941) by James E. Dyson, M.D.

Gardner A. Huntoon, M.D. (1874-1941) by Ellis G. Linn, M.D.

Joseph Brown, M.D. (1886-1941) by Herman J. Smith, M.D.

Harry C. Willett, M.D. (1870-1941) by Addison C. Page, M.D.

1942

The United States is again at war, and all medical activities will feel its impact this year and those to follow.

The *Bulletin* continues to list each month the roll of members of the Polk County Medical Society in military service, the membership of the seven local draft boards, the Red Cross first aid courses, and the continued development of medical preparedness and civil defense.

In April was published the staff personnel of eight Units for Emergency Service, as well as the eight Field Units, each comprising two squad teams. The Procurement and Assignment Service established an office in Des Moines, with Colonel John I. Marker, M.C. (Davenport) in charge.

A medical Advisory Council to the Civil Defense Emergency Service was organized, representing the different medical, dental, nursing and hospital interests working with the American Red Cross. Doctor R. R. Simmons was appointed Chief of the C.D.C. Emergency Service for Polk County and Doctor George C. McCreight as Assistant Chief.

The training of Nurses Aids was started in September, supervised by a Board of Directors comprising four hospital superintendents, with the Chief of the C.D.C. Emergency Medical Service, Doctor R. R. Simmons.

The class instruction to consist of 80 hours' training, of which three and a half weeks are spent in the classroom and three and a half weeks in a hospital under constant supervision of

graduate nurses. The duties to be limited to non-sterile services.

With the rationing of gasoline and tires, transportation difficulties developed which led to "share the ride" arrangements in which the doctors took an active part.

The regulations covering fuel oil to those of delicate health required a physician's certificate in order to obtain supplemental rations.

At the annual meeting on January 21, Doctor James E. Dyson was inducted into the office of President and Doctor James A. Downing was named President-Elect; Doctor Donald H. Kast, Secretary-Treasurer; Doctors Howard D. Gray and John C. Parsons, Trustees, and Doctor Malcolm A. Royal, Councilor.

The distinctive feature of the meeting was President Daniel J. Glomset's address "The American Way."*

"This was largely a Glomset Life-Story, and thrilled with the adventurous struggles of an immigrant lad, attempts to learn a new language, economic difficulties, fortunate meeting with the masters Hecktoen and Herrick at the University of Chicago, overcoming two "bouts" with tuberculosis and recovery, completion of his medical studies; coming to Des Moines in 1911 and the recognition by his colleagues of his superior talents in medical science and practice—all of which was possible only in "The American Way."

At this meeting Doctor Walter L. Bierring presented to the County Society a framed photostatic copy of the *Iowa Star*, containing a report of the organization of the Polk County Medical Society October 24, 1851, at old Fort Des Moines, now Des Moines. Doctor A. Y. Hull was co-editor and the first president of the county medical society.

The guest speakers at the meeting on March 16 were: Doctor Elexious T. Bell, Minneapolis, "The Pathology of Nephritis and Nephrosis", and Doctor C. Anderson Aldrich, Winnetka, "Treatment of Chronic Nephritis and Nephrosis."

*Published in February Bulletin, 1942.

On July 29-30 the Poliomyelitis Hospital Unit of the Iowa Lutheran Hospital was formally opened. On Wednesday evening, the 29th, a banquet was held at the Fort Des Moines Hotel, at which Sister Elizabeth Kenny, the Australian nurse, was the guest of honor and gave an address.

Other speakers were Doctor William O'Brien and Doctor John Pohn, orthopedist of Minneapolis, the latter showing movies of cases treated in the previous two years.

Sister Kenny and Doctor Pohn held a clinic the next forenoon, which was attended by a large number of Iowa physicians.

Sister Kenny later gave her consent for the use of her name, and the unit was named the Kenny Cottage for the treatment of poliomyelitis.

Death made sad inroads on the membership during the year. Doctor Charles Ryan died after a long illness on March 8 at 70 years of age. In the tribute by Doctor S. E. Lincoln, reference is made to "his prominence in local, state and national medical associations, his surgical skill and rare social charm."

On June 28 occurred the death of Marvin F. Haygood, M.D., M.P.H., from coronary thrombosis at the age of 57 years. He had been director of the Division of Local Health Services in the State Department of Health since November 1, 1936. By his qualifications and special talent for organizing local full time health service, he had made remarkable progress within the preceding five years in this special field, and his genial, pleasing personality had won him a host of friends throughout the state.

At the meeting on September 16, Doctor Lewis M. Overton presented "The Principles of Management of Traumatic Wounds", and Doctor Earl C. Padgett, Kansas City, Missouri, "Burns and Other Traumatic Injuries."

There was general sorrow when Doctor John H. Peck died on October 18 from coronary thrombosis at the age of 63 years. He came to Des

Moines with Doctor Bierring in September, 1910, to become Assistant Professor of Medicine at Drake University School of Medicine. He early became interested in tuberculosis and diseases of the chest, in which he became one of the leading authorities in this country.

He was a past president of the Polk County Medical Society, the State Medical Society, Iowa Tuberculosis Association, the National Tuberculosis Association, the American College of Chest Physicians, Fellow of the American College of Physicians, and Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine (Founders Group). He served as Major in the Medical Corps during World War I as Chief of the Tuberculosis Division. In 1936 he moved from Des Moines to become Director of the State Sanatorium at Oakdale.

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At the annual meeting January 20 Doctor James A. Downing was inducted as President and the following were elected. President Elect, Christian B. Luginbuhl; Secretary-treasurer, Edward W. Anderson; Trustee, Charles C. Walker; Councilor-at-large, Alonzo L. Jenks, Jr. Doctor Robert L. Parker announced that Doctor Walter L. Bierring was a new member of the Iowa State Medical Society Fifty Year Club.

The following new members elected during the past year were introduced—Doctors Edwin J. Butterfield, Wallace A. Dunlap, Noble W. Irving, Siegfried Katzmann, Eugene H. McCaffrey, Chester L. Putnam and Carl C. Rasmussen.

The new secretary Doctor E. W. Anderson, who succeeded Doctor Donald H. Kast (Capt. MC USA), reported certain elections necessary to fill the following offices vacated by doctors going into the service: Doctor Martin I. Olsen replaced Doctor Harold C. Bone as trustee, Doctor Cecil C. Jones replaced Doctor Emory L. Mauritz and Doctor Fred Sternagel replaced Doctor Jos-

eph B. Priestley as Councilors-at-large.

At the February meeting an unusual and instructive illustrated lecture was provided by Doctor Eugene R. Kellersberger, General Secretary of the American Mission to Lepers, Inc., who spent twenty-four years as a "bush doctor" in the Belgian Congo while serving as a medical missionary of the Presbyterian Church, South.

The guest speaker at the meeting June 9 was Alexander E. Brown, M.D., of Mayo Foundation, who spoke on "Chemotherapy and the Present Status of Penicillin."

The September meeting held in conjunction with the Broadlawns Visiting Staff was addressed by Orlen J. Johnson, M.D., of the A.M.A. Council on Industrial Health on the subject "Medico-Industrial Relationships." The Inter-professional meeting on October 6 presented the following program: "The Murray-Wagner Bill," J. W. Billingsley, M.D., Newton; "Maintaining Professional Standards in Wartime," Charles E. Friley, President, Iowa State College; "Potentialities of Chemotherapy," Walter L. Bierring, M.D., Commissioner of Health.

The following members were elected during the year: Doctors Richard S. Ahrens, J. Donald Anderson, Ellen E. Anspach, A. A. Arkin, Lowell Brooks, Charles L. Burr, Verne C. Epley, Lyle F. Frink, Daniel A. Glomset, L. C. Hallendorf, John W. Marion (DDS), Harold Margulies, E. E. Morton, John C. Nolan, B. F. Petersen, Philip F. Pugh, M. J. Reiminger, Tom D. Throckmorton, R. R. Updegraff, and E. G. Zimmerer.

During the year the following appeared:

"In Memoriam"

Alice Humphrey Hatch, M.D. (1854-1943) by Jeanette Dean Throckmorton, M.D.

Thomas C. Denny, M.D. (1887-1943) by Henry C. Schmitz, M.D.

Doctor Andrew R. Amos, president of

the Society in 1909, and a life member of the State Society since about 1915, died at his home in Beverly Hills, September 17.

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At the annual meeting held at Wakonda Club on January 19 the program included the following:

"The Wagner-Murray Bill"

Mr. Henry L. Adams, Legal Advisor, Iowa State Medical Society.

R. D. Bernard, M.D., Chairman, Committee on Medical Service, Iowa State Medical Society.

"The Physician and Tuberculosis Control"

Doctor J. Arthur Myers, Minneapolis, Professor of Internal Medicine, Preventive Medicine and Public Health, University of Minnesota.

At the business session, with President James A. Downing presiding, the following officers were elected for 1944: President-Elect, Doctor Arthur E. Merkel; Secretary-Treasurer, Doctor Edward W. Anderson; Trustee, Doctor John C. Parsons; Councilor-at-Large, Doctor Fred Sternagel.

The following were introduced as new members of the Fifty Year Club of the Iowa State Medical Society: Doctors H. A. Minassian; Sophie H. Scott; R. Fred Throckmorton; Charles W. Tyler; and Edwin B. Walston.

"On February 11 Doctor William Wilson Pearson died at his home in Des Moines, and with him there passed an outstanding figure in the medical profession of his state and of his special field of practice. He was born on October 21, 1869, and graduated in medicine from the University of Michigan in 1893. After an extensive period of graduate study in Europe he located in Des Moines in 1896 for the special practice of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat diseases. He opened offices in the Equitable Building, now the Bankers Trust Building, and during the forty-seven years of practice here he occupied the same suite on the fourth floor. They were years crowded with many and varied activities. He was most interested in the Drake University College of Medicine, was a prominent member

of the Faculty, and from 1909 until the School was merged in 1913 with the State University College of Medicine, he served it as Dean."

Doctor Oliver J. Fay, in his tribute, closes with—"Doctor Pearson had two interests which always stood first—the welfare of his patients and the interests of his profession. Of his many personal and professional kindnesses even his closest associates knew little, for his reticence in regard to all personal matters cloaked them. This but added to the stature of his dominant personality."

On January 12 a Wartime Graduate Meeting had been held under a program sponsored by the American Medical Association, the American College of Surgeons and the American College of Physicians, at the Des Moines Club, at which Doctor Leo G. Rigler, Professor of Radiology at the University of Minnesota, presented an interesting lecture on "Bronchial Obstruction" to an audience of over 100 members of adjacent military posts, the County Society and the Des Moines Library Club. In continuation of the Wartime Graduate Medical Program, the following meetings were held:

February 23, "Management of the Menopause," by Willis E. Brown, M.D., Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, University of Iowa, Iowa City.

On March 4, an interesting program was presented by the American College of Surgeons at the Hotel Fort Des Moines, at which a number of prominent surgeons now in military service contributed distinctly to the discussions. Doctor Oliver J. Fay was chairman of the committee on local arrangements.

At the regular meeting, March 15, Doctor Percival Bailey, Professor of Neurology and Neuro-surgery, University of Illinois College of Medicine, gave an interesting address on "Vascular Anomalies and Malformation of the Brain," and on March 29, at the Veterans Hospital, Doctor Charles N. Slocumb, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Rochester, Minnesota spoke on

"Diagnosis and Treatment of Arthritis and Allied Conditions."

At the medical session of the annual meeting of the Iowa Tuberculosis Association, March 31, with Doctor John M. Hayek presiding, Doctor Lee F. Hill spoke on "Tuberculosis in Children," and Doctor J. Carl Painter, of Dubuque, on "Tuberculosis in Adults."

"The Findings in St. Louis County's Community-wide X-ray Program" were presented by G. A. Hedburn, M.D., of Duluth, Minnesota, and "Tuberculosis Among Selectees in the Army" by Colonel Esmond R. Long, United States Army Medical Corps, Washington, D. C.

The cornerstone of the new Raymond Blank Memorial Hospital for Children, affiliated with Iowa Methodist Hospital, was laid Sunday afternoon, May 14. Mr. Ralph L. Jester, chairman of the Methodist Hospital Board of Trustees, presided. The Invocation was pronounced by Rabbi Eugene Mannheimer. Doctor Walter L. Bierring laid the cornerstone. Bishop J. Ralph Magee spoke briefly in appreciation of the new facilities.

This hospital is a gift to the community and the State by Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Blank in memory of their son Raymond who deceased in March, 1943.

On Wednesday evening, May 17, at the regular Scientific Meeting, Lieutenant Colonel Donald J. Wilson, M.C., Chief of the Dermatological Service, Schick General Hospital, Clinton, Iowa, presented an interesting discussion on "Common Skin Diseases and What You Can Do About Them."

The Armed Forces Induction Center at Camp Dodge was terminated June 30. Since it went into operation, first at Fort Des Moines in January 1941, one hundred and seventy doctors, forty of whom are now in military service, participated in the work of the Station during the last three and one-half years. During this period 130,000 inductees were processed.

The first W.A.A.C. officer candidates were examined at Fort Des

Moines. Later, after July 11, 1942, when the station was moved to Camp Dodge, candidates for the Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard were selected after examination.

The medical officers in charge of examinations expressed their appreciation to the civilian doctors and their wives by means of a party held at the Officers Club on March 11.

At the regular meeting on Tuesday, September 12, held at the Iowa Lutheran Hospital, Doctor Alfred W. Adson of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, presented an interesting address on "The Surgical Management of Cerebral Aneurysm with Special Reference to Pulsating Exophthalmos."

In the October BULLETIN appeared "In Memoriam" of Wilbert W. Bond, M.D. (1898-1944), whose untimely death from hypertension occurred on September 21, 1944. Doctor Clement A. Sones says in tribute "We of the Polk County Medical Society are proud to have had this personality in our midst and extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy and resolve that Doctor Bond's spirit of kindness, unselfishness, gentleness and loyalty shall be cherished as an inspiration to us all."

At the meeting on November 15, two interesting addresses were presented on Malaria: Professor Milford E. Barnes, on "Epidemiological Aspects," and Professor Willis M. Fowler, on "Clinical Aspects," both from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Iowa, Iowa City.

In the November BULLETIN the following item is noted: "Award of Bronze Star Medal to Captain H. Kirby Shiffler, M.C. U.S.A." meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy as operating room administrator and chief anesthetist in an evacuation hospital, from June 11 to July 20, in France."

On Wednesday evening, December 20, Doctor Herbert H. Davis, Professor of Surgery, University of Nebraska, Omaha, presented an interesting

discussion on "Experience with Amino Acids Intravenously in Surgical Patients."

"In Memoriam"

William Sanford Carpenter, M.D. (1871-1944).

"In the death of Doctor William S. Carpenter on December 2 the Polk County Medical Society lost one of its interesting and most respected members. While recognized for his ability as a medical practitioner, it was in the field of mortuary science that he attained distinction and leadership. He served as a Captain in the Medical Corps in the first World War and was elected a number of terms as Coroner of Polk County.

"It is fitting to record this tribute to a member who will be remembered for his genial personality, ethical and professional standards in the practice of medicine, as well as an educational authority and leader in the field of Mortuary Science."—Walter L. Bierring, M.D.

The Raymond Blank Memorial Hospital for Children was dedicated December 3. Doctor Oliver J. Fay was chairman, and participating in the ceremonies were Mr. A. H. Blank, Governor Bourke B. Hickenlooper, Doctors Walter L. Bierring and Morris Fishbein, Lieutenant (j.g.) Myron N. Blank, and the chorus of the cadet nurse corps.

"The new \$300,000, 80 bed hospital is the finest children's hospital in the Mississippi Valley and is scientifically up to date, modern as tomorrow in equipment and conveniences. A feature of the decorating plan is the famous Walt Disney murals contributed by the artist himself."

Mercy Hospital, Des Moines, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary December 12. The Solemn Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving was offered by the Most Reverend Gerald T. Bergan, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Ambrose Cathedral, to which the public was invited. Open house was held at the hospital during the day.

The following new members were added to the roster in 1944: Doctors Tom Abe, John E. Brown, Peder J. Burshiem, Leon H. Flancher, Harold Ferris, Maurice Heusinkveld, J. A. W. Johnson, Robert W. Lee, Emanuel

Lubin, Delmar J. Molenkamp, John Nolan, William L. Rector, Leland K. Reeck, Richard B. Schenk, John W. Schumacher, William U. Snyder, Homer E. Wichern, and Richard A. Young.

1945

The annual meeting was held at the Des Moines Club, January 17, at which one hundred members and forty guests were present.

The speaker of the evening, Mr. Vincent Starzinger, General Counsel, Register and Tribune Company, was introduced by President Luginbuhl, who presented an interesting and scholarly address on "A Proposal of Marriage"* in which he urged the medical and legal professions to exert their utmost influence to stop the trend to government socialized collectivism and restore the democratic principles on which this nation was founded.

The following officers were elected: President-Elect, Martin I. Olsen; Secretary-Treasurer, Edward W. Anderson; Trustee, Malcolm A. Royal; Councilor-at-Large, James A. Downing.

The meeting on Wednesday evening February 21, was held at the Des Moines Ordnance Plant, Ankeny, the members of the Society being the guests of the United States Rubber Company for cafeteria dinner and tour of the Plant.

The meeting on March 21 was held at the Veterans Administration Hospital and the speaker was Doctor Erwin R. Schmidt, Professor of Surgery, University of Wisconsin Medical School, Madison, who gave an interesting address on "A Review of the Hernia Problem at the State of Wisconsin General Hospital."

In the news items of the March BULLETIN appear the following: "Transfer of membership to the Los Angeles County (California) Medical Society has been granted to Doctor Elmer E. Kottke. Doctor Kottke writes that he

opened an office January 1, at 1137 Second Street, Santa Monica."

"The happy news came February 22 that Captain Floyd Burgeson and others,* had been liberated by the Russian Army from the German Prison Camp Oflag 64, at Szubin, Poland. Captain Burgeson had been left in charge of prisoners unable to march when the Nazis evacuated the area. Further word has not been received as to repatriation but this news is good and all are happy for the Burgesons."**

Doctor Horace M. Korn, Professor of Medicine, Iowa City, was the guest speaker at the meeting on April 18 and gave an interesting discussion on the "Treatment of Coronary Occlusion."

In the April BULLETIN appears the following Citation: "Award of Bronze Star Medal to Major Ralph H. Riegelman at a Liberator Station in England 'for meritorious achievement as a group surgeon of a heavy bomb group and station surgeon of a Station Hospital in the North African and European theatres of operation from September, 1942, to the present day.'"

The meeting on May 10 was held at Mercy Hospital with Doctor J. A. Borgen, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Minnesota Graduate School, Rochester, as guest speaker who spoke on "The Postwar Dysenteries as They Affect Us in the Northwest."

In the June-July BULLETIN appeared:

"In Memoriam"

Captain Richard Paul Morden, M.C. U.S.A. (1905-1945) by Harold R. Peasley, M.D.

"Captain Morden died May 18 near Cambridge, England, while in the service of his country. The cause of death was subarachnoid hemorrhage.

"He entered military service in September, 1942, and was stationed at March Field, California; Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, and arrived in England where he remained until his death.

*Including Captain Clyde Herring of Des Moines. Captured at Battle of Tunisian Gap, North Africa, February 1943.

**Later news—Captain Burgeson arrived in this country April 9, and in Des Moines April 17.

*Journal Iowa State Medical Society, March 1945.

"He received his medical degree from the University of Iowa in 1934 and was engaged in general practice in Des Moines until he entered the service."

"This community was saddened by the death of Doctor Oliver J. Fay, on June 2, of heart disease. He was active to the last and his final illness was of short duration. Born on a farm near Postville, Iowa, July 2, 1874, he was graduated with the Bachelor of Science degree from Iowa State College, in 1898, and received his Doctor of Medicine degree, in 1902, from the State University of Iowa College of Medicine. After two years of internship and as assistant to Doctor Albert J. Ochsner, at Augustana Hospital, Chicago, he began the practice of general surgery in Des Moines.

On March 17, 1904, he was married to Helen L. Knapp, daughter of the distinguished agricultural chemist, and past president of Iowa State College, Doctor Seaman Knapp.

He served as Professor of Clinical Surgery at Drake University Medical School until 1913 and became recognized as a medical teacher of distinct ability.

He was a lover of good books, a great admirer of Mark Twain, and had collected one of the largest private medical libraries in the State which he donated to the Iowa Methodist Hospital a few years before his death.

Those who were associated with him gained a further estimate of his high professional attainments. Although his office and hospital practice developed to an unusual extent, the welfare of the patient was always of dominant interest and concern.

He became increasingly interested in industrial surgery and gained prominence in traumatic surgery. Doctor Fay had many interests among which were his extensive library, his love of aviation and his membership in distinctive organizations. He served his profession in many capacities and at the time of his death was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Iowa State

Medical Society, an office he had held since 1905. He was President of the State Society in 1904 and of the Polk County Medical Society in 1911.

Oliver Fay had a sound philosophy of life, a refreshing mixture of liberal and conservative impulses, and above all was a lovable, generous and friendly human being who cast a bit of cheer all along life's pathway and whose like we shall not soon meet again.—Walter L. Bierring."

At the annual meeting of the American Medical Women's Association, in Atlantic City, in June, Doctor Helen Johnston was elected President-elect, a distinct honor to the profession in Des Moines.*

At the fall meeting, September 19, held at the Iowa Lutheran Hospital, the guest speaker was Doctor John M. Waugh, Associate Professor of Surgery, Mayo Foundation, Rochester, who presented the subject "Indications and Contra-indications for Vaginal and Abdominal Hysterectomy."

At the meeting on October 10, the guest speaker was Doctor Percy Starr Pelouze, Assistant Professor of Urology, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

The meeting on November 12 was held at Iowa Methodist Hospital, at which Lieutenant Commander Herman J. Smith, M.C., U.S.N., gave an interesting discussion on "Rheumatic Fever in Young Adults." This was a first of a series of programs presented by service members.

At the meeting on December 19, Captain Diedrich J. Haines presented a paper on "Streptomycin."

In the December BULLETIN the following "Citations" are noted: Award of the Legion of Merit to Colonel N. Boyd Anderson, M.C., U.S.A., "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa, Italy and France from September 1943 to December 31,

*The second Des Moines woman physician elected. Doctor Nelle S. Noble served as President in 1940.

1944." Award of Bronze Star Medal to Lieutenant Colonel Douglas N. Gibson, M.C., U.S.A., "for meritorious achievement against the enemy at Finschhafen, New Guinea and Manila."

During 1945 the following new members were added: Doctors Harry Brown, Siegfried Katzmann, Harold Peggs, Joyce Perrin, Elmer B. Pratt, John F. Dwight (Dentist), Mrs. Alice J. Jonietz; Interns: Doctors Ray Ameen, B. I. Copple, Standley K. Davis, Dorothy E. Gore, Robert E. Jongewaard, R. Gibson Parrish, Loren F. Parker, Theodore Nelson and Ronald W. Stitt; and by transfer Doctors James C. Mooney, F. Eberle Thornton and M. Charles Makin.

"In Memoriam"

Lowell H. Chamberlain, M.D. (1876-1945) by Thomas B. Throckmorton, M.D.

Francis R. Holbrook, M.D. (1880-1945) by C. C. Walker, M.D.

Herbert B. Saylor, M.D. (1877-1945) by Edward J. Harnagel, M.D.

1946

The annual meeting was held at the Des Moines Club, January 16, the guest speaker being Reverend Frederick M. Meek, D.D., Minister of Plymouth Congregational Church, who gave a scholarly and interesting address on "You and Me" which expressed the unity of purpose and ideals of the two allied professions of the ministry and medicine.

At the business session Doctor Martin I. Olsen was inducted as president and the following officers were elected: President-Elect, Malcolm A. Royal; Secretary-Treasurer, Edward W. Anderson; Trustee, Floyd M. Burgeson.

The February BULLETIN notes the following: Doctor Lee Forrest Hill was named President-Elect of the American Academy of Pediatrics at the recent meeting of the Academy in Detroit. He was also appointed Secretary of the American Board of Pediatrics at their December meeting.

At the annual meeting of Broad-

lawns Visiting Staff Doctor Clifford W. Losh was re-elected Chief of Staff; Doctor Joseph B. Priestley, Vice-Chief; Doctor George E. Mountain, Secretary; Doctor Diedrich J. Haines, Chief of Medicine; Doctor Howard D. Gray, Chief of Surgery; Doctor Tom B. Throckmorton, Chief of Medical Specialties; and Doctor Everett M. George, Chief of Surgical Specialties.

"Doctor Russell E. Doolittle, Medical Director of the Retreat for many years, has resigned his position and is planning to retire from active practice.* He will continue to act as a member of the Board of Directors, Doctor Herbert C. Merillat, recently discharged from the medical corps U.S. Army with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, has been appointed Medical Director to succeed Doctor Doolittle."

Two "In Memoriams" appear—one for John W. Bailey, M.D. (1883-1946) by William M. Sproul, M.D.; and Charles M. Werts, M.D. (1876-1946) by Edward R. Posner, M.D.

The program of the regular meeting on February 20 included: "Treatment of Compound Fractures," Everett M. George, M.D. "Fenestration," George E. Shambaugh, Jr., M.D., Clinical Professor of Otolaryngology, University of Illinois.

At the meeting on March 20 the program comprised: "War Neuro-Surgery," Walter D. Abbott, M.D.; "Résumé of Surgical Work Done in Navy Hospitals," Lester D. Powell, M.D.

The April BULLETIN contained the following: "The Council approved the reimbursement of 1946 County Society dues to all returned medical officers on terminal leave as of January 1, 1946, and the waiver of dues unpaid of those members in service or on terminal leave on January 1, 1946."

"In recognition of his service in the advancement of medical knowledge and the improvement of the public health,

*Now residing at Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

Doctor Walter L. Bierring was honored by appointment to Professorship Emeritus of the Theory and Practice of Medicine at the State University College of Medicine by the State Board of Education.

The appointment was made with the unanimous approval of the medical council of the University. Doctor Bierring was Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine prior to 1910, when he moved to Des Moines.

In this issue appeared:

"In Memoriam"

Howard Devir Gray, M.D. (1876-1946)
by Tom B. Throckmorton, M.D.

At the regular meeting September 24 at the Iowa Lutheran Hospital, the guest speaker was James T. Priestley II, M.D., of the Mayo Clinic who spoke on "A Few Basic Considerations of Duodenal Ulcers."

The meeting of October 16 was held at the Raymond Blank Memorial Hospital for Children in conjunction with Iowa Methodist Hospital Staff. It consisted of a clinic on "Poliomyelitis" with review of experience in 1946 and presentation of cases.

It was participated in by the members of the Departments of Pediatrics and Orthopedics of the Iowa Methodist Hospital.

At the meeting on November 20 held at Broadlawns Hospital, Doctor E. T. Bell, Professor of Pathology, University of Minnesota, was the guest speaker and spoke on "Primary Hypertension."

The December 18 meeting was held at the Veterans Administration Hospital with a program on "Burger's Disease" with the following speakers:

"The Etiology, Diagnosis and Medical Treatment," Herman J. Smith, M.D.

"Surgery," Louis T. Palumbo, M.D.

"Pathology," Kenneth R. Cross, M.D.

According to the Secretary's report, thirty-one members were lost to the Society in 1946. Six of them died: Doctors John W. Bailey, Howard D. Gray, Carl C. Rasmussen, Charles W. Tyler, Charles M. Werts, and Ralph W. Snodgrass (declared legally dead December 22, although probably lost his life in military service in July 1944 with the sinking of the Jean Nicolet). Six active members were transferred to other societies and eight located elsewhere. The memberships of nine interns ended with completion of their internships. Twenty-five new active members were added to the Society roll: Doctors Perry P. Amick, John T. Bakody, Harry Burns, Charles W. Burt, Francis C. Coleman, Kenneth R. Cross, Robert A. Culbertson, Arthur H. Downing, Edward J. Drew, Emil A. Fullgrabe, Leon J. Galinsky, John Hess, Jr., Parker K. Hughes, Charles W. Latchem, Stanley L. Levin, Clifford W. Losh, Jr., Leo M. Maguire, Herbert C. Merillat, Victor K. Nakashima, Louis T. Palumbo, A. W. Patterson, Loyd K. Shepherd, Joe M. Standefer, Richard J. Steves, and W. Eugene Wolcott. Also four Associate and twenty-one Junior members.

All active memberships were paid for the year and all eligible Polk County Doctors of Medicine engaged in private practice are members of the County Society.

1947

The annual meeting was held on January 15 at the Fort Des Moines Hotel. Following the dinner a very interesting address was presented by the Most Reverend Gerald T. Bergan, Bishop of Des Moines.

At the business session Doctor Malcolm A. Royal was installed as President, and the following officers were elected: Lester D. Powell, president-elect; Harold C. Bone, secretary-treasurer.

In addition to the officers, the Council included, Floyd M. Burgeson, James A. Downing, Douglas N. Gibson, Diedrich J. Haines, E. Parish Lovejoy,

John C. Parsons, Joseph B. Priestley, and Charles C. Walker.

The February 19 meeting was held at Mercy Hospital, the guest speaker being Doctor Harry Lee Parker of Rochester, Minnesota, who presented a lecture on "The Facies in Neurological Disorders." Doctor Parker was Professor of Neurology at the University of Dublin, 1935-45, and now is Associate Professor of Neurology, Mayo Foundation.

At the meeting March 19, Doctor Louis R. Limarzi, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Illinois, was the guest speaker. He presented a paper on the "Clinical Application of Sternal Marrow Studies."

The "Spring Party" of the Polk County Medical Society was held at Wakonda Club, May 11, at which the program comprised dinner, dancing and bridge. More than 300 members and ladies enjoyed this festive interlude.

A large number of Polk County Society members attended the Centennial session of the American Medical Association at Atlantic City, June 9-13, where more than thirty distinguished physicians from foreign countries were present as guests of the Association and participated in the scientific program.

In the History of the American Medical Association commemorating this Centennial Doctor Walter L. Bierring prepared the chapter on the Presidents of the Association, being able to obtain a photograph and signature of each of the hundred presidents.

The Cancer Institute on Tuesday, September 23, at the Fort Des Moines Hotel, arranged for the physicians in this area, through the cooperation of the Iowa Division of the American Cancer Society, the Cancer Division of the State Department of Health and the Speakers Bureau of the Iowa State Medical Society, brought a distinguished faculty of speakers, and a large attendance of physicians, dentists, nurses, and public health workers. The guest speakers included Doctor Frank-

lin E. Walton of St. Louis; Doctor Deward P. Ferris of Rochester, Minnesota; Doctor Thomas J. Kinsella and Doctor Lee G. Rigler of Minneapolis.

In the September BULLETIN appeared the "In Memoriam" of Doctor J. Frank Auner, whose death occurred on August 17, 1947.

"Doctor Auner came to Des Moines in 1916, and was the first physician in this City to practice the specialty of dermatology. He had formerly practiced in Waverly and he was one of the moving spirits that made the town a medical center. His special training was gained by two years of post-graduate study in the Vanderbilt Clinic at Columbia University, New York City. When the American Board of Dermatology was established in 1929, Doctor Auner was named a Founder member. He was an extensive traveler and his travelogues formed an entertainment for many a friendly circle. His was a kindly nature and one who contributed in no small measure to the welfare and stability of the period in which he lived."

The October BULLETIN published in detail a City-County Health Unit Plan that had been previously approved by the County Medical Society in 1943, 1944; 1946 and May 26, 1947. However, no definite action was taken.

At the last meeting of the year December 17, Doctor Nathaniel G. Alcock, Professor of Urology at the University of Iowa, presented an interesting address on "Tumors of the Adult Kidney."

During the year sixty new members were added to the Society roster. Thirty-eight members were lost to the Society during 1947; three by death—Doctors J. Frank Auner, Leo M. Maguire and Samuel J. Brown; the others by transfer, relocation or termination of intern and resident service.

According to the Society records, the total membership in all classifications was 334.

The annual meeting was held on Wednesday evening, January 21, at the Des Moines Club, at which the guest speaker was Doctor Louis A. Buie of the Mayo Clinic and President of the Minnesota State Medical Association, who presented a very interesting address on "Good Manners."

The following officers were elected: For President-Elect, Fred Sternagel; for Secretary-Treasurer, Harold C. Bone. Doctor Lester D. Powell was installed as President.

The February 18 meeting was held at Iowa Lutheran Hospital, the Scientific Program being a "Clinico-Pathological Conference" participated in by Doctors Richard F. Birge, Francis C. Coleman, Kenneth R. Cross and Julius S. Weingart.

At the meeting on March 17, the guest speaker was Doctor Frederick H. Falls, Professor of Obstetrics, University of Illinois, who spoke on "The Management of Eclampsogenic Toxemia." Doctor Falls was formerly Professor of Obstetrics at the University of Iowa.

In the April BULLETIN announcement was made of the conferring of Life Membership in the Iowa State Medical Society upon three members of the County Society: Doctors Francis A. Ely, Clarence P. Cook and George A. Field. "The three new life members increase to fourteen the number of our members who have been in practice for fifty years or more."

In the May BULLETIN appears the "In Memoriam" of Addison C. Page, M.D., 1874-1948. "In the death of Doctor Page, there passed from the Fellowship of the Society one of the most beloved members of the profession. The son of a pioneer physician, Dr. Homer R. Page, who was president of the Society in 1886, Doctor Addison C. Page was president just twenty years later in 1906. The only instance in the history of the County Society of two generations serving as president. Doctor Page was prominent in the State Medical Society,

serving as treasurer in 1925 and 1926; a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine. He served as a member of the State Board of Health from 1939 to 1945. At the only session of the Tri-State Medical Assembly held in Des Moines in 1925, Doctor Page was elected President and headed the European clinical tour the following year. His death occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hughes Bryant, in Mason City on April 14, 1948 at the age of seventy-three years."

At the meeting on September 15, the guest speaker was Doctor Francis F. Borzell of Philadelphia, speaker of the House of Delegates, American Medical Association, Assistant Professor of Radiology, University of Pennsylvania Graduate Medical School, who presented an interesting discourse on "The Radiologist Looks at the General Practitioner."

An interesting series of postgraduate lectures were given at the Veterans Administration Hospital which were attended by a large number of Society members—

October 18—"Modern Concept of Diabetes Mellitus" by Samuel Soskin, M.D., Chicago

November 1—"Rickettsial Diseases," Colonel J. E. Ash, M.C., U.S.A., Washington, D.C.

November 22—"Primary Carcinoma of the Lung," William F. Rienhoff, Jr., M.D., Baltimore

The 22nd Annual Meeting of the North Central Section of the American Urological Association held in Des Moines October 28, 29 and 30, brought to the city an unusual number of distinguished authorities in the specialty of urology. Doctor Clifford W. Losh was chairman of arrangements.

During the year, 40 new members were elected, four members were lost by death; Doctors Ellis G. Linn, Robert J. Lynch, Addison C. Page and Homer L. Spaulding. Twenty members were lost by transfer, relocation and termination of internship services.

1949

The Annual meeting was held on

Wednesday evening, January 19, at the Des Moines Club. The guest speaker was the well known humorist, Mr. Tom Collins of Kansas City who spoke on the theme "This Promising World." It presented a serious minded humor and challenged the thinking on philosophy of government and medical practices.

The following officers were elected: President-elect Lee Forrest Hill; Secretary-treasurer, Byron M. Merkel. Doctor Fred Sternagel was installed as President.

At the scientific meeting Wednesday, February 16, the guest speaker was Doctor Dwight E. Harken of Boston. This was of special local interest because Doctor Harken was Iowa born, the son of Doctor Con. R. Harken of Osceola. He received distinction in thoracic surgery in World War II, being awarded the Order of Merit—with the citation "of having removed 74 foreign bodies from the heart cavities and 300 from the lungs without a death."

After World War II he was appointed Assistant Professor of Surgery at Harvard University-Medical School and on the staff at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in charge of thoracic surgery. He is considered a pioneer in the newer advances in heart surgery, particularly in the surgical relief of mitral stenosis.

The title of his lecture was "New Horizons in Heart Surgery" which was well delivered, illustrated with interesting slides and movies, and evoked great interest and discussion from the members and the large number of visiting physicians present.

At the March 16 meeting, 145 members and guests turned out to hear Doctor Alfred W. Adson, Professor of Neurosurgery at the Mayo Clinic, a past member of the Council on Medical Service, A.M.A. and former Blue Shield Commissioner, who talked on the subject of "Do the American People want Socialized Medicine."

Regular meetings were not held in April and May because of conflicting

State Society and other large medical meetings.

The next guest meeting was held September 23 at which Mr. William Alan Richardson, able editor of *Medical Economics* presented his views obtained on a recent trip regarding "Britain's Experiment in Free Medicine."

For the October 19 meeting an interesting "Heart and Chest Institute" was arranged and made possible through the cooperation of the Iowa Tuberculosis and Health Association, the Divisions of Tuberculosis and Heart Disease of the State Department of Health, the Iowa Heart Association and the Speakers Bureau of the Iowa State Medical Society. The program comprised four lectures, two presented before dinner and two afterwards, by well-known authorities in their respective fields, as follows:

"Pathogenesis of Tuberculosis"—Robert G. Bloch, M.D., Chicago

"The Physical Treatment of Pulmonary Suppurative Disease"—John B. Crow, M.D., Denver

"Bronchiectasis and Bronchography"—Herbert W. Schmidt, M.D., Rochester

"Recent Concepts of Coronary Artery Disease"—Chester M. Kurtz, M.D., Madison

The November 16 meeting was held at Mercy Hospital at which three members of the Polk County Medical Society, Harold R. Peasley, Francis C. Coleman and Daniel F. Crowley, Jr., discussed the subject of "Diagnosis and Treatment of Purpura." The attendance was 157, the largest of any regular meeting during the year.

At the last meeting of the year, December 21, Doctor Nathan A. Womack, Professor of Surgery State University of Iowa, presented an interesting discussion on "Benign Lesions of the Esophagus." It was the day that winter came in full force to Iowa and limited the attendance to a certain extent.

A series of special lectures were arranged at the Veterans Hospital which were attended by a large number of society members.

May 16, "Recent Advances in Physical

Medicine," Frank H. Krusen, M.D., Rochester

Oct. 3, "The Anesthetist's Responsibility to the Preoperative and Postoperative Patient," Stewart C. Cullen, M.D., Iowa City

Nov. 21, "The Evaluation of Pro-thrombine in Clinical Work," Emory D. Warner, M.D., Iowa City

At the meeting of the Society on March 16, a resolution was adopted "In opposition to Political Medicine"; after a number of strong whereas's. "Now, Therefore, Be it resolved by the Members of the Polk County Medical (Iowa) Society;—That we are unanimously and unalterably opposed to any and all attempts to obtain legislation which would place the medical care of the people of these United States under governmental bureaucratic control and domination." Signed by the President Fred Sternagel, M.D., and the Secretary Byron M. Merkel, M.D., copies of this resolution were sent to the President, Iowa U. S. senators and representatives, State senators and representatives from this area, the editor of the *Des Moines Register and Tribune*, the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

On August 31, Doctor Nelle S. Noble announced her retirement from the active practice of medicine, completing forty-four years of practice in this community. Doctor Noble was president of the American Women's Medical Association in 1940 and has held responsible offices in many civic and professional organizations. The Editor of the *BULLETIN* adds, "No eulogy is intended but a few kind words about a fine lady and able physician must be written into the record."

Death made sad inroads in the membership during the year. In the June *BULLETIN* appears "In Memoriam" of Christian Nyswander, M.D. (1855-1949) by Edwin B. Walston, M.D., "He passed away on April 8, at the age of 94 years and was active up to the time of his death. He was a member of the Fifty Year Club of the Iowa State Medical Society and held mem-

bership in the American Medical Association for a much longer time."

The July *BULLETIN* published "In Memoriam" for John Martin Hayek, M.D., M.P.H. (1901-1949) by Edmund G. Zimmerer, M.D., a tribute to his colleague in the State Department of Health. Doctor Hayek had been Director of the Division of Maternal and Child Health for a period of 13 years. He held memberships in local and state medical societies, in the Iowa Public Health Association, Iowa Pediatrics Society; and was a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Public Health Association. His sudden passing on May 24 at 49 years of age brought sorrow to his many friends.

On August 27, Doctor Ernest E. Shaw of Indianola died suddenly at the age of 56 years. Only twelve hours before he had addressed the local Rotary Club and two hours before had attended a maternity patient. A graduate of the University of Iowa College of Medicine in 1920, he had been associated with Doctor George W. Newcome at Indianola since 1922 in the general practice of medicine. At Iowa City he earned membership in Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

In the summers of 1931 and 1937 he represented his district at the Rotary International meetings in Europe and remained each time for periods of study. In World War II at the age of fifty, he served with the Medical Corps U. S. Army for the duration in the Canal Zone, being discharged with the rank of Major. He was President of the Iowa Chapter of the American Academy of General Practice. The previous June he was a delegate from the Iowa State Medical Society to the American Medical Association at the annual session in Atlantic City. His untimely death cut short a career of great promise for leadership in state and national medical affairs.

A host of friends were saddened by the death of Doctor Edward W. Anderson on September 5 at the young

age of 51 years. He was graduated in Medicine from the University of Iowa in 1923 where, in his senior year, he was elected to membership in Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. After serving an internship at Iowa Methodist Hospital, he became a Fellow in Medicine at the Mayo Clinic and remained five years, the last three years devoted to medical and surgical diagnosis. From September 1930 to June 1931 he was instructor in medicine at Dartmouth Medical College and internist at the Hitchcock Clinic, Hanover, New Hampshire from September 1930 to October 1931. Doctor Anderson came to Des Moines in 1932, and very soon thereafter was appointed internist at Broadlawns General Hospital. He became associated with Doctor Bierring in his professional office and carried on a successful practice in internal medicine until 1946 when he retired because of failing health. He was a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine (Founder) and a Lieutenant Commander in the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Navy.

He served as Assistant Medical Director of the Central Life Assurance Company from 1934 to 1947 and a staff member of the Des Moines School Health Service. Aside from his rare professional talents, he was a lover of music, particularly the opera, an excellent photographer and possessed a large library of first editions of unusual binding.

With such fine appreciation for his professional work, it seems particularly tragic that impaired health should cut short such a promising career.

Another death during the year was that of Doctor Charles F. Howland, on January 19, at 70 years of age of cardiovascular disease. He came to Des Moines in 1911, after a long course of post graduate study in Vienna, to practice the specialty of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. A graduate of Northwestern University Medical School in 1903, he had for-

merly practiced in Montezuma and Tama, Iowa.

Doctor Frank R. Steelsmith died in March at the age of 74 years. Following his graduation from Drake University School of Medicine in 1901 he was actively engaged in the practice of general medicine in this City until his death. Doctor Harley L. Saylor, for twenty years—1912 to 1932—Health Commissioner of Des Moines died on Christmas day at 80 years of age. He was one of the pioneers in public health administration in this State and contributed distinctly to the upbuilding of public health service in this community.

1950

The annual meeting was held on Wednesday evening January 18, at the Hotel Savery. The guest speaker was Mr. Leland A. Watson, of Minneapolis, who spoke on "The Doctor and the Welfare State." His information about social conditions existing under operation of the National Insurance Act was based largely on his observations in England and Scotland. Mr. Watson is the son of an otologist, Doctor J. A. Watson, and brother of Doctor Cecil J. Watson, Professor of Medicine, University of Minnesota. He was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University from 1930 to 1934 where he received the degrees B.A. and M.A. Mr. Watson is the author of a book entitled "Hearing Tests and Hearing Instruments." He is the founder and president of the Maico Company Incorporated at Minneapolis.

At the business session, the following officers were elected: President-elect, Clement A. Sones; Secretary-treasurer, Francis C. Coleman. Lee Forrest Hill was installed as President. The Board of Trustees comprised Joseph B. Priestley, Chairman, Bernard C. Barnes, Diedrich J. Haines, Byron M. Merkel and Dwight C. Wirtz. At this meeting an historical committee was appointed to prepare for the centennial of the Society in October 1951. This Committee comprised Walter L. Bierring, Chairman, L. K. Meredith, and

Tom B. Throckmorton. It was enlarged later in the year to include Clement A. Sones, Joseph B. Priestley, Francis A. Ely, Edward R. Posner, Lee Forrest Hill, Jeanette D. Throckmorton and Mr. Edwin M. Kingery.

At the February 15 meeting the guest speaker was Doctor Joseph L. Fetterman, Clinical Professor of Nervous and Mental Diseases, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, who spoke on "A Survey of Psychiatry for the Practitioner with Particular Reference to the Use of Shock Therapy."

The March 15 meeting was held at the Hotel Savery with Doctor Willard M. Allen, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, as the guest speaker, on the subject of "Use and Abuse of Estrogen Therapy."

At the April 19 meeting, Doctor Austin Smith, Editor of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, presented an interesting address on "Recent Medical Developments" and participated in an excellent discussion on medical-pharmaceutical problems. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Polk County Retail Druggists Association. Previous to becoming Editor, Doctor Smith was Secretary of the A.M.A. Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry 1940-1949.

A large number of the members attended the Centennial Meeting of the Iowa State Medical Society in Burlington, the following week. Doctor Bierring was Chairman of the Historical Committee that prepared the centennial volume "One Hundred Years of Iowa Medicine" which was distributed to each member of the State Society.

In the July BULLETIN appeared this news item: "Doctor and Mrs. James A. Downing were hosts to a considerable number of physicians and other friends at a delightful cocktail buffet party at the Des Moines Club the evening of July 15, in honor of Doctor Walter Bierring's eighty-second birth-

day and their own thirty-seventh wedding anniversary."

The fall program included three interesting lectures. On September 20 the guest speaker was Wallace E. Herrell, M.D., of the Mayo Clinic who spoke on "General Principles in the Use of Antibiotics." At the October 18 meeting E. T. Bell, M.D., Professor of Pathology, University of Minnesota, presented an interesting discussion on "Extrarenal Uremia." The major causes of this form of uremia being:

1. Loss of fluid from intestinal obstruction,
2. A very low blood pressure persisting for a day or longer,
3. A decreased flow of blood through the kidneys such as often occurs in cardiac failure. The physiological mechanisms concerned in each case were discussed.

The guest speaker at the November 15 meeting was Joseph A. Johnston, M.D., Pediatrician in Chief at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, who gave an interesting talk on "Nutritional Problems of Adolescence."

The December 13 meeting was held at the Veterans Hospital with a program on "Common Duct Stone." Doctor Daniel J. Glomset was moderator of the panel discussion. Members of the panel were Doctors Kenneth R. Cross, who spoke on "Anatomical Considerations," Philip G. Keil, who spoke on "Diagnosis," Paul J. Trier on "Radiology," Louis J. Palumbo on "Treatment," and Harry H. Samberg on "Early Ambulation."

In the December BULLETIN reference is made to distinction conferred on two members of the Society during the year:

"Doctor Daniel J. Glomset was on the program of the Nineteenth International Congress on Physiology in Copenhagen, August 15-18, where 1,400 physicians were present from all over the world. The prepared abstract of the lecture on "Morphologic Observations from the Cardiac Induction System in Mammals" appears in the 1950 abstracts of communications of the Congress.

"The invitation to prepare a paper for the Congress was coincident to plans already made for a visit by Doctor and Mrs. Glomset and their son John to Norway." Their trip was highlighted by the opportunity to speak before this distinguished audience."

"Doctor Julian Bruner recently returned from a ten weeks' visit with friends in Great Britain, during which time he addressed groups of distinguished English physicians by invitation. Doctor Bruner attended a meeting of the British Association of Plastic Surgeons at St. Albans by invitation of Sir Archibald McIndoe whose guest he was for a month. He read a paper before the House Staff and visiting physicians at the Queen Victoria Hospital Plastic Center at East Grinstead, Sussex, the largest plastic center in the world, of which Sir Archibald is Chief.

"At Edinburgh he was the guest of Sir James Learmonth, Regis Professor of Surgery at the University of Edinburgh. While at Edinburgh he read a paper on "Incisions for Reconstructive Surgery of the Hand" before Professor Learmonth's own surgical team and invited guests. In London Doctor Bruner attended the annual meeting of the British Orthopedic Association and visited the House of Commons."

The following news items appeared in the December BULLETIN:

"Doctor Fred Sternagel became President of the North Central Medical Conference at the annual meeting of the group in St. Paul, Minnesota, November 19. He had served as president-elect during the past year."

"Doctor Walter L. Bierring was one of four public health officials to receive the Arthur T. McCormack Award for 'meritorious service and constructive leadership in the field of public health,' at the recent national meeting of the State and Territorial Health Officers Association."

"After an active medical practice of fifty years Doctor Erwin Schenk retired in October to enjoy a well earned rest. For a number of years he was Professor of Medicine in the Homeopathic Department of the State University of Iowa. For the past twenty years he has limited his practice to dermatology."

During the year 40 new members were elected to the Society: Four

members were lost by death. They were Doctors Clarence P. Cook, James E. Kessell, Edwin B. Winnett and John F. Loosbrock.

The death of Doctor Edwin Bascom Winnett, on December 8, removed one of the strong leaders in medicine in this community. Soon after his graduation from Drake University Medical School, in 1913, and completion of internship at Iowa Methodist Hospital, he became interested in diabetes and made distinct contributions to the treatment of this disease both before and after the introduction of insulin in 1922. He developed a large clinical practice in this field and soon became recognized as an authority in diabetes. In association with Doctor Joseph B. Priestley, surgeon, he reported observations on 900 cases of surgical complications of diabetes.

Doctor Winnett was a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

He died at the age of sixty-six years after a long illness with cardio vascular disease.

1951

The year 1951 brings to a close the hundred years encompassed in this history of the Polk County Medical Society. The Society was organized at Fort Des Moines on October 24, 1951, being the first county medical society formed in Iowa, and only a year and four months after the Iowa State Medical Society was organized at Burlington in June 1950.

A centennial committee had been appointed comprising Diedrich J. Haines, Chairman; Walter L. Bierring, Richard F. Birge, Harold C. Bone, Douglas N. Gibson, Daniel A. Glomset and Joseph B. Priestley, to prepare appropriate exercises and scientific program to commemorate the centenary of the Society on October 24 of this year.

To further indicate the remarkable growth of the Society and extension of services particularly as it approached the completion of its first hundred

years, it seems fitting at this time to publish the list of officers and committeemen for 1951.

Officers and Committeemen for 1951—Council—Clement A. Sones, President; Tom B. Throckmorton, President-elect; Francis C. Coleman, Secretary-Treasurer; Bernard C. Barnes, Julian M. Bruner, Diedrich J. Haines, Daniel W. Coughlan, Walter Kirch, Byron M. Merkel, Floyd A. Springer, Dwight C. Wirtz.

Board of Trustees—Diedrich J. Haines, Chairman; Bernard C. Barnes, Daniel W. Coughlan, Byron M. Merkel, Dwight C. Wirtz.

Board of Censors—Clement A. Sones, Chairman, Lee Forrest Hill, Fred Sternagel.

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Soldiers' Relief—Daniel W. Coughlan, Bernard C. Barnes, Dwight C. Wirtz.

The regular scientific programs preceding the October Centennial exercises were as follows:

January 17—Stanley W. Olsen, M.D., Chicago, Dean of the University of Illinois College of Medicine.

Subject: "Medical Education in Time of National Emergency."

Synopsis: "The medical schools carry a heavy responsibility during time of national emergency to train physicians who will not only be able to serve in the armed forces but will serve the people of their communities as well. The return to civilian life will undoubtedly carry with it implications for civilian defense which may continue for many years. The needs of the military services for additional physicians will serve to intensify the disparity between the number who are being trained and the number available for civilian care. The increasing inflationary trend produced by rearmament is throwing an additional load upon the medical schools which are operating within fixed and limited budgets. It will be a real tragedy if this crisis is transformed into an occasion for Federal government to take over

control of medicine on the plea that the emergency has rendered it impossible for private initiative to meet minimal needs."

February 21—George Crile, Jr., Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio.

Subject: "Thyroid."

Synopsis: "Treatment of hyperthyroidism by medical means, by thyroidectomy and by radioactive iodine will be discussed. Diagnosis and treatment of the three major types of thyroiditis will be presented. Carcinoma of the thyroid, its relationship to adenomatous goiter, indications for operation in adenomatous goiter and treatment of carcinoma of the thyroid will be fully covered."

March 21—"Panel Discussion of Hypertension," by members of the medical faculty, University of Iowa:

William B. Bean, M.D., Moderator, Professor of Internal Medicine.

James W. Culbertson, M.D., Assistant Professor Internal Medicine.

Reubin H. Flocks, M.D., Professor of Urology.

H. Russell Meyers, M.D., Professor of Neurosurgery.

April 18—"Cancer Institute."

4:00 "General Principles of Cancer Surgery," Charles L. Eckert, M.D., St. Louis. Assistant Professor of Surgery, Washington University.

5:00 "Treatment of Leukemia in Children," Joseph H. Burchenal, M.D., New York City. Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research.

7:30 "Some Recent Advances in the Field of Cancer Research," Harold L. Stewart, M.D., Bethesda, Maryland. Chief, Pathology, Section, National Cancer Institute.

8:30 "Early Diagnosis of Cancer of the Digestive Tract," Walter L. Palmer, M.D., Chicago. Professor of Medicine, University of Chicago.

This institute was made possible through the cooperation of the Cancer Control Division of the State Department of Health, the Iowa Division of the American Cancer Society, the Speakers Bureau of the Iowa State Medical Society and the Polk County Medical Society.

CENTENNIAL DAY PROGRAM

Wednesday, October 24, 1951

Hotel Savery

12:00 Informal Luncheon—Des Moines Room

Address—Tell Me True and Tell Me Quick

.....Mr. Arthur H. Brayton, Secretary
Des Moines Chamber of Commerce
Convention Bureau

Scientific Lectures—Terrace Room

2:30 Surgical Address

This Is An Acute Abdomen

.....Carl A. Moyer, M.D., Professor of Surgery
Washington University School of Medicine

3:30 Medical Address

Recent Advances in Our Knowledge of the Anemias

.....Carl V. Moore, M.D., Professor of Medicine
Washington University School of Medicine

5:00 Social Hour—Des Moines Room

6:30 Centennial Dinner—Terrace Room

Medical Pioneers of Polk County

.....Walter L. Bierring, M.D.

Centennial Address—From Leeches to Antibiotics

.....George F. Lull, M.D., Secretary and General Manager
American Medical Association

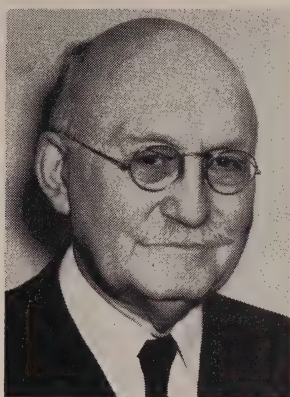
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Des Moines



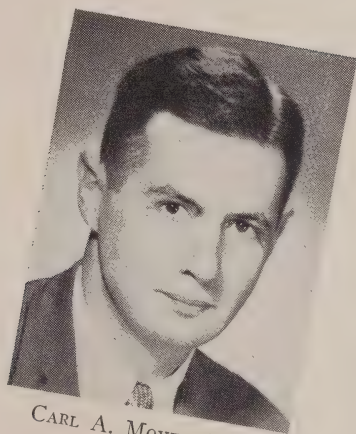
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CARL V. MOORE, M.D.
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CARL A. MOYER, M.D.
St. Louis

Centennial History*

"For the record it should be noted that the Polk County Medical Society commemorated its first one hundred years of service to this community on October 24, 1951, one hundred years to the day of its organization in 1851. The History of Medicine of Polk County, Iowa, commemorating the Centenary of the Polk County Medical Society, 1851-1951, authored by Doctor Walter L. Bierring, is being published in current issues of the BULLETIN.

"The Centennial Day program opened with a luncheon meeting called to order by President Clement A. Sones. Arthur H. Brayton, secretary of the Convention Bureau, Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, spoke in the humorous vein on the subject 'Tell Me True and Tell Me Quick.' A responsive audience of 72 members and visiting physicians relaxed to his therapy.

"During the afternoon attentive audiences listened while Doctor Carl A. Moyer, Professor of Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine, lectured on 'Acute Abdomen,' and Doctor Carl V. Moore, Professor of Medicine at the same college, discussed 'Recent Advances in Our Knowledge of Anemias.' Doctor Diedrich J. Haines, Chairman of the Centennial Committee, presided. Approximately 75 to 80 physicians attended.

"The social hour, at 5:30, attracted a goodly number of members and invited guests, and all was well. Hosts and hostesses for the Society were Doctors and Mesdames Douglas N. Gibson, Alonzo L. Jenks, Jr., Floyd A. Springer and Diedrich J. Haines.

"Dinner was served promptly at 6:30 in the Terrace Room. President Sones presided and introduced the attending guests of the Society. Seated at the speakers table, in addition to the two speakers and the president, were Mrs. Sones, Doctor and Mrs. Francis C. Coleman, Doctor and Mrs. Allan B. Phillips and Doctor and Mrs. Diedrich J. Haines. President Sones acknowl-

edged the several congratulatory messages.

He saluted Doctor Walter L. Bierring and presented him as chairman of the Historical Committee. Doctor Bierring spoke most interestingly of the Medical Pioneers of Polk County and utilized numerous slides depicting early subjects and pioneer physicians.

"Doctor George F. Lull, secretary and general manager of the American Medical Association, was introduced by Doctor Allan Phillips. Doctor Lull cited the progress in medicine over the past century and discussed many of the current activities of the parent organization in the Centennial Lecture entitled 'From Leeches to Antibiotics.'

"More than three hundred sixty members, their wives and guests participated in the dinner meeting concluding the Centennial Day celebration."

At the November 14 meeting, an address on "The Handicapped Child" was presented by Charles F. McKhann, M.D., New York City, Acting Medical Director, United Cerebral Palsy.

The December 19 meeting was held at Broadlawns Hospital. The scientific discussion was on "Surgery of the Aged." The speakers were Doctors Wallace Rindskoff, Richard B. Svehla, and Robert B. Stickler.

The members of the Society were invited during the year to attend and participate in the following postgraduate lectures at the Veterans Administration Hospital:

January 29. Cecil J. Watson, M.D., Minneapolis, Professor of Medicine, University of Minnesota.

Subject: "Some Practical Aspects of the Cirrhosis Problem."

March 26. Claude E. Welch, M.D., Boston, Associate in Surgery, Harvard Medical School.

Subject: "The Role of Surgery in the Treatment of Duodenal and Gastric Ulcer."

April 16. Leo G. Rigler, M.D., Minneapolis, Professor of Roentgenology and Physical Therapy, University of Minnesota.

Subject: "Roentgen Diagnosis of Acute Abdominal Conditions."

November 26. William S. Middleton, M.D., Madison, Dean and Professor of Medicine, University of Wisconsin.

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Subject: "The Patient-Physician Relationship."

Also was held the postgraduate meeting of the Iowa Chapter, American Academy of General Practice, on November 8, the general topic being "Gastroenterology."

Speakers: Carl G. Morlock, M.D., Mayo Clinic, Rochester; Frederick Stiegmann, M.D., Chicago, Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of Illinois; Willis M. Fowler, M.D., Iowa City, Professor of Medicine, State University of Iowa.

"Doctor Ransom Honored. At the meeting of November 21, it was announced by Doctor Walter L. Bierring that it had been suggested a testimonial plaque be prepared by the Polk County Medical Society in honor and recognition of Doctor Harry E. Ransom's eminent services in the promotion of public health in this community during his thirty years of service in the City Health Department as Assistant Health Officer and Commissioner of Health of Des Moines, and that the same be placed permanently in the City Hall. The proposal was well received, and by action of the Council and ratification by the Society the plaque was ordered to be prepared."

Six members of the Society died during the last five months of the year. Lester D. Nourse, M.D., died at his residence August 15 at the age of 79 years. His death was due to repeated cerebral hemorrhages during the year. He had practiced 43 years in Des Moines.

Rodney Pierce Fagen, M.D., died at Mercy Hospital, September 20, at 65 years of age from malignant disease of the abdomen. He was descended from one of the pioneer families of Des Moines. His great uncle, Doctor Pierce B. Fagen, was the second physician to locate in the small town of Fort Des Moines in June 1846. Doctor Rodney P. Fagen served as State Commissioner of Health from 1921 to 1925.

Erwin Schenk, M.D., died on November 14 at Iowa Lutheran Hospital

at the age of 80 years from Parkinson's disease. Doctor Schenk had retired one year before after an active practice of 50 years in this community.

Hugh Bechtell Woods, M.D., died at Iowa Lutheran Hospital on November 17, at the age of 75 years, after a brief illness. He had practiced 45 years in Highland Park.

William H. Johnston, M.D., a resident physician at Veterans Hospital, died November 20, at 30 years of age of heart disease.

Robert A. Gamble, M.D., of Madrid, died November 22 at 72 years of age, practiced 44 years in Madrid and surrounding community.

The membership status of the Polk County Medical Society, as of December 31, was as follows: Senior Active 205; Junior Active 72; Life 32; Non-resident 18; Associate 19; Intern 10; a total of 356 members. Fifteen members were in active military service.

The Des Moines Academy of Medicine and Polk County Medical Society during a century of service has become the largest county society in the State. It has witnessed an era of the greatest progress in scientific medicine. The conception of the nature and cause of many diseases has completely changed, and the triumph of medical and surgical treatment constitutes one of the distinct achievements of modern civilization.

If the hospital may be regarded as a further index to the progress of medicine in a community, Des Moines has fully kept pace with the advance of professional standards.

The first large hospital to be built in Des Moines was Mercy Hospital in 1894, and to which extensive additions have been made since that time. Methodist Hospital was opened in 1901 and with the later affiliation of the Raymond Blank Memorial Hospital for Children in 1944, and with the establishment of a new eight story pavilion in 1951 became one of the largest general hospitals in the state.

Broadlawns General Hospital, in 1908, became the teaching hospital of Drake University Medical School, and later in 1917 was named the City Hospital—being largely devoted to the treatment of venereal diseases until 1925. In September 1925 a combination of county and city hospital interests was brought about and placed under the control of a non-partisan Board of Trustees elected by popular vote. The name Broadlawns Polk County Hospital was adopted, and included the pavilions for tuberculosis, opened in April 1924, and a special hospital for contagious diseases created one year later, in 1926. Following a bond issue authorized by popular vote on June 3, 1940, an entirely new general hospital was built and opened for patients on March 21, 1943. The new Broadlawns was rated as one of the most modern county hospitals in the country.

Iowa Lutheran Hospital was opened for patients on March 13, 1914. A new nurses wing and additional hospital beds were added in 1917, and in 1951 a fine new wing of seven stories was completed making it one of the most modern hospital facilities in this community.

Each of the four hospitals has conducted an approved Training School for Nurses from the beginning of operation.

Since the closing of the Drake University Medical School in 1913 the medical profession of this area has been without the educational stimulus of close association with a teaching medical center. The desire for self study and continued interest in scientific medicine was fulfilled by the organization of a number of so-called study clubs.

The Medical Library Club having as its nucleus the former teachers of the preclinical sciences of Drake University was organized in September 1913. In 1920 the Ophthalmological Club was formed, and in 1921 The Medical Study Club of Des Moines was started. Several years later the

Medical Forum was organized, and all have served an excellent educational purpose.

The monthly staff meetings with scientific programs in each of the four hospitals, and the well arranged programs of the Polk County Medical Society with distinguished guest speakers have all contributed to the development of Des Moines as a medical center of high standing.

The following members of the Polk County Medical Society served as President of the Iowa State Medical Society: A. G. Field, 1872; G. P. Hanawalt, 1880; Lewis Schooler, 1894; James T. Priestley, 1903; Oliver J. Fay, 1924; John H. Peck, 1930; Thomas A. Burcham, 1936; and Robert L. Parker, 1947.

A number of the members were elected to the presidency of the State Society before their transfer to the Polk County Medical Society. They are: David S. Fairchild, Clinton, 1896; Walter L. Bierring, Iowa City, 1908; M. Nelson Voldeng, Cherokee, 1911; Channing G. Smith, Granger, 1932; and R. D. Bernard, Clarion, in 1946.

Our Society has furnished the majority of the secretaries of the State Society. George P. Hanawalt in 1873; J. F. Kennedy, 1877-1883; J. W. Cokenower, 1894-1901; James W. Osborn, 1913-1916; Tom B. Throckmorton, 1916-1930; Robert L. Parker, 1930-1945; John C. Parsons, 1945-1948; and Allan B. Phillips since 1948.

Doctor F. E. Cruttenden served as Editor of the Iowa State Medical Recorder from 1883 to 1887. Doctor Woods Hutchinson was Editor of *Vis Medicatrix* from June 1891 to April 1892. Doctor E. E. Dorr edited the *Iowa Medical Journal* from 1900 to 1914. Des Moines physicians who have been Editors of *The Journal of the Iowa State Medical Society* are Ralph R. Simmons, 1928-1936; Lee Forrest Hill, 1937-1945; and Everett M. George since 1946.

Doctor Addison C. Page served as Treasurer of the Iowa State Medical Society from 1925 to 1926; Doctor

Robert L. Parker from 1927 to 1930; Doctor E. B. Winnett from 1930 to 1933; Doctor Harold J. McCoy from 1934 to 1941; Doctor James H. Downing from 1942 to 1946; and Doctor N. Boyd Anderson since 1947.

The following members served officially with the American Medical Association: James T. Priestley, Board of Trustees, 1894-1900; Fred Moore, Council on Medical Education and Hospitals, 1934-1941; D. W. Smouse, Judicial Council, 1895; Walter L. Biering, Secretary, Section on Pathology and Physiology, 1905-06, Chairman, Section on Pathology and Physiology, 1906-07, Chairman, Section, Practice of Medicine, 1918-19; Tom B. Throckmorton, Chairman, Section on Nervous and Mental Diseases, 1941-42.

The following served as members of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association: E. E. Dorr, 1904-1906; Walter L. Biering, 1904-1906, 1909-1911, 1913-1922; F. E. V. Shore, 1911; J. C. Rockafellow, 1913-1919, 1921, 1922, 1926; Fred Moore, 1931-1940; Thomas A. Burcham, 1944-1945. Doctor Tom B. Throckmorton served as delegate from the Section on Nervous and Mental Diseases for a period of 17 years, 1922-1939.

Our members who served as presidents of national medical societies are Thomas A. Burcham, President of Radiological Society of North America, 1936-1937; John H. Peck, President of National Tuberculosis Association, 1933-1934; Lee Forrest Hill, President of American Academy of Pediatrics, 1947-1948; Nelle S. Noble, President of American Women's Medical Association, 1940-1941; Helen Johnston, President of American Women's Medical Association, 1946-1947; Walter L. Biering, President, American Medical Association, 1934-1935.

Doctor Lee Forrest Hill has served as Secretary and member of the American Board of Pediatrics since 1947. Doctor Walter L. Biering served as member and Chairman of the American Board of Internal Medicine from 1936

to 1939 and since 1948 has been Chairman of the American Board of Preventive Medicine and Public Health.

Doctor Martin I. Olsen, president of our Society in 1946 was the moving spirit in the organization of both the Blue Cross hospital plan and the Blue Shield medical service plan; and successfully established them on sound actuarial bases. These Iowa plans have been patterns for many other states in setting up their programs of prepaid hospital and medical care.

It was an eventful day for the Polk County Medical Society when Edwin M. Kingery, A.B., joined the administrative staff as Executive Secretary.

In the intervening twenty-one years since March, 1930, the Society has become a center of authoritative information service in all matters affecting the health in this community. Public relations have been greatly extended by reason of Society representation on various civic organizations, the health councils and welfare agencies. The efficient assistance provided through Mr. Kingery in relations with Broadlawns Polk County Hospital, his contacts with the Blue Cross hospital and Blue Shield medical services, his help in the arrangement of our scientific programs of high order, with distinguished guest speakers, and his able editorship of the monthly *Bulletin*, have all distinctly enlarged the prestige of the Society.

Our Executive Secretary's experience in the management of the Medico-dental Bureau, the Society's early plan for providing secured post-payment of hospital and medical care to people of lower income, helped to qualify him for the position of Executive Director of Iowa Medical Service during its formative period. His time and efforts were shared between the Society and Iowa Medical Service for a period of about two years, from early 1945 to 1947, during which time the plan had grown sufficiently to require a full time director. During this period and prior to it he assisted in the organization of

the Associated Medical Care Plans and was a member of the original Blue Shield Commission.

In the preparation and publication of this centennial history he has been of most valuable assistance.

It is timely to record a brief tribute to a number of older members now living who have practiced between fifty and sixty years in this community.

Andros Carson, M.D., graduated from Rush Medical College in 1890, and located in Des Moines in 1894 after having practiced in Elliott, Montgomery County, for a period of four years. He is still practicing medicine at 88 years of age, after a faithful service of 57 years in this community.

Harootune A. Minassian, M.D., an Armenian by birth, graduated from Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City, in 1887. He had planned to become a medical missionary, but instead entered the practice of medicine at Eureka, Illinois. In connection with his medical practice he served as a teacher of Hebrew and Sanskrit in the department of ancient languages of Eureka College. In September, 1893, he came to Des Moines and soon gained prominence in Polk County and the State Medical Societies. He was a member of the medical faculty of Drake University for twelve years, and served as president of Polk County Medical Society in 1917. At 84 he continues in active practice and drives his own automobile.

Edwin B. Walston, M.D., received his medical degree from Rush Medical College in 1893, after which he practiced four years in Decatur, Illinois, and came to Des Moines in January, 1897. He has always had a large general practice in which he is still actively engaged, and drives a new Cadillac car at the age of 83.

Fred L. Wells, M.D., began the practice of medicine in Des Moines in May, 1892, having graduated from Bellevue Hospital Medical College in 1888. He served as the first secretary of the Mercy Hospital staff in 1894, and during thirty years was medical

director of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa. While retired from active practice he continues to take a keen interest in medical affairs.

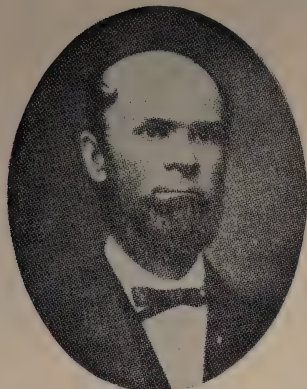
Francis A. Ely, M.D., graduated from the medical department of the State University of Iowa in 1898 served as the first intern of the University Hospital, and two years as assistant physician at the Clarinda State Hospital, before coming to Des Moines in 1901. During a half century of service he has gained leadership in Iowa medicine, particularly in the special field of neuro-psychiatry. He served as president of the Polk County Medical Society in 1907, and thus is the Dean of living past presidents.

It is fitting to record the list of members, with photographs of each as far as available, who served as President of this Society during the first one hundred years. Unfortunately there are a few lapses in the earlier years—particularly during the Civil War period.

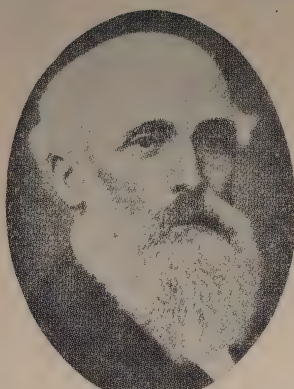
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| 1853-54 | Dr. David V. Cole |
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| 1859-60 | Dr. Henry Courtney |
| 1868 | Dr. Henry L. Whitman |
| 1869-70-71 | Dr. Archelaus G. Field |
| 1872-73 | Dr. Frank E. English |
| 1874-75 | Dr. Charles H. Rawson |
| 1876 | Dr. J. O. Skinner |
| 1877 | Dr. George P. Hanawalt |
| 1879-80 | Dr. W. H. Ward |
| 1881 | Dr. James T. Priestley |
| 1882 | Dr. Joseph F. Kennedy |
| 1883 | Dr. J. A. Blanchard |
| 1884 | Dr. A. C. Simonton |
| 1885 | Dr. F. E. Cruttenden |
| 1886 | Dr. Homer R. Page |
| 1887 | Dr. James W. Cokenower |
| 1888 | Dr. Lewis Schooler |
| 1889 | Dr. C. M. Colvin |
| 1890 | Dr. C. E. Currie |
| 1891 | Dr. David W. Smouse |
| 1892 | Dr. W. W. Hale |
| 1893 | Dr. James W. Cokenower |

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| 1894 | Dr. J. B. Hatton | 1931 | Dr. Francis R. Holbrook |
| 1895 | Dr. Daniel W. Finlayson | 1932 | Dr. Simon E. Lincoln |
| 1896 | Dr. Robert A. Patchin | 1933 | Dr. Robert L. Parker |
| 1897 | Dr. Charles E. Stoner | 1934 | Dr. Fred Moore |
| 1898 | Dr. C. E. Currie | 1935 | Dr. George A. May |
| 1899 | Dr. M. Nelson Voldeng | 1936 | Dr. Clifford W. Losh |
| 1900 | Dr. H. G. Emery | 1937 | Dr. Walter E. Baker |
| 1901 | Dr. M. F. Patterson | 1938 | Dr. Oran W. King |
| 1902-03 | Dr. C. D. Rawson | 1939 | Dr. Russell C. Doolittle |
| 1904 | Dr. E. Luther Stevens | 1940 | Dr. Howard D. Gray |
| 1905 | Dr. Edward E. Dorr | 1941 | Dr. Daniel J. Glomset |
| 1906 | Dr. Addison C. Page | 1942 | Dr. James E. Dyson |
| 1907 | Dr. Frank A. Ely | 1943 | Dr. James A. Downing |
| 1908 | Dr. N. C. Schiltz | 1944 | Dr. Christian B. Luginhuhl |
| 1909 | Dr. Andrew R. Amos | 1945 | Dr. Arthur E. Merkel |
| 1910 | Dr. Wilbur S. Conkling | 1946 | Dr. Martin I. Olsen |
| 1911 | Dr. Oliver J. Fay | 1947 | Dr. Malcolm A. Royal |
| 1912 | Dr. Walter L. Bierring | 1948 | Dr. Lester D. Powell |
| 1913 | Dr. David W. Smouse | 1949 | Dr. Fred Sternagel |
| 1914 | Dr. Granville N. Ryan | 1950 | Dr. Lee Forrest Hill |
| 1915 | Dr. F. E. V. Shore | 1951 | Dr. Clement A. Sones |
| 1916 | Dr. John C. Rockafellow | This brings to a close our chronicle of the historic development of Polk County Medical Society and the remarkable evolution of medical events during its first one hundred years. | |
| 1917 | Dr. Harootune A. Minnassian | The Polk County Medical Society has maintained at all times the highest professional ideals and contributed to medical leadership during every phase of its history. In contributions to the medical literature of the period, the advancement of the standards of medical education and every field of public health, the name of the Society has been carried far afield. | |
| 1918 | Dr. William E. Sanders | The lives and achievements of its members from the pioneer doctor to the cultured, highly trained physician at this later day are more than a tradition. In large part they embody the foundation of the rich professional heritage that we enjoy today. | |
| 1919 | Dr. John H. Peck | | |
| 1920 | Dr. J. W. Osborn | | |
| 1921 | Dr. Channing G. Smith | | |
| 1922 | Dr. Alva P. Stoner | | |
| 1923 | Dr. J. Charles Ryan | | |
| 1924 | Dr. Matthew L. Turner | | |
| 1925 | Dr. William W. Pearson | | |
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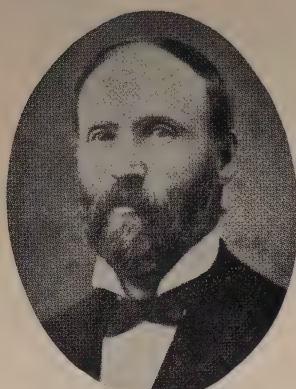
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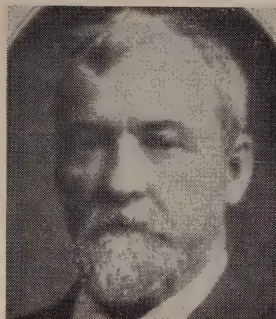
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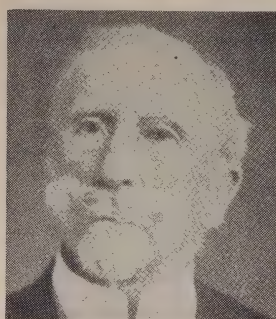
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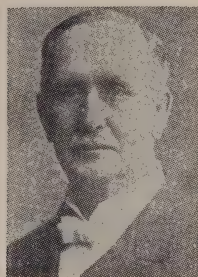
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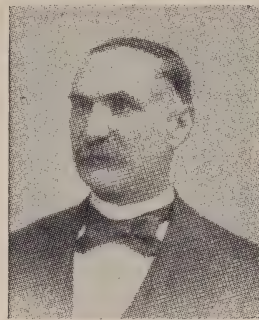
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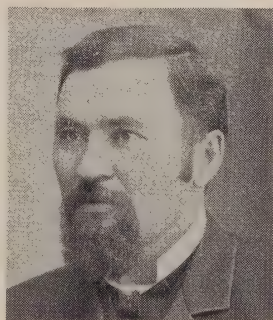
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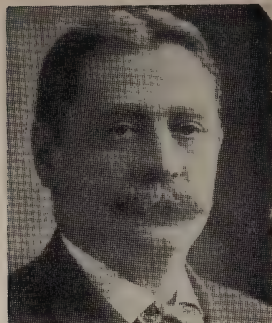


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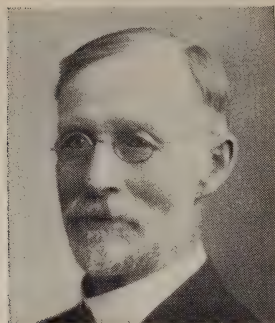
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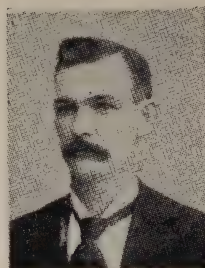
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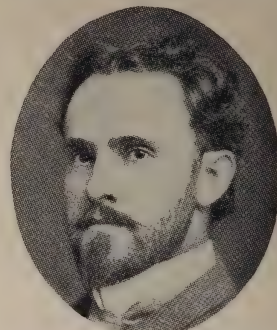
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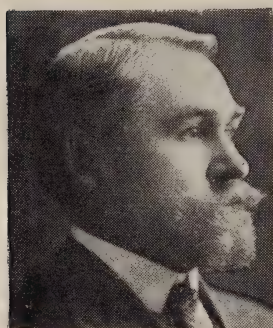
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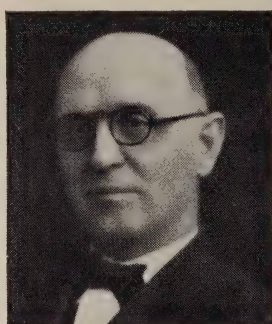
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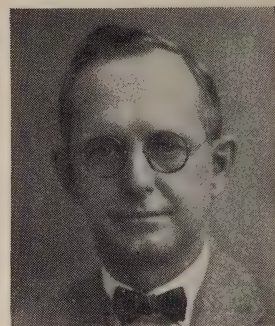
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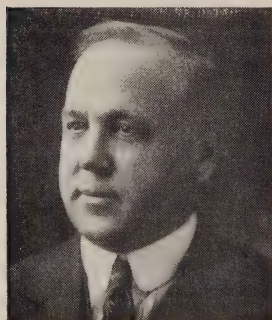
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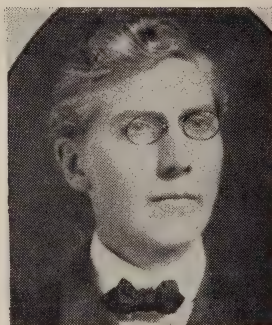
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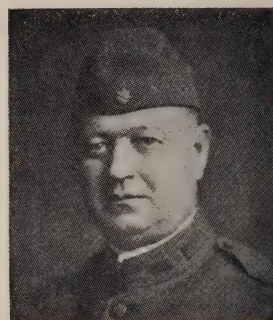
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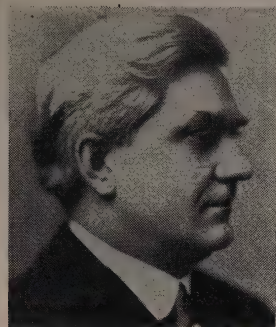


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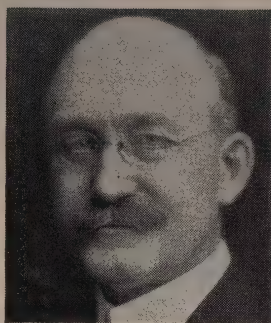


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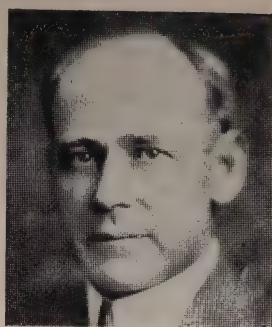
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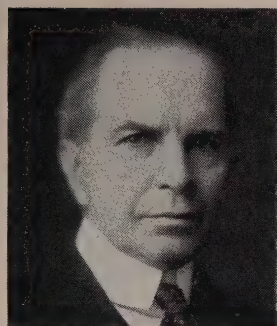
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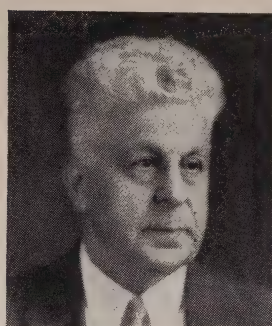
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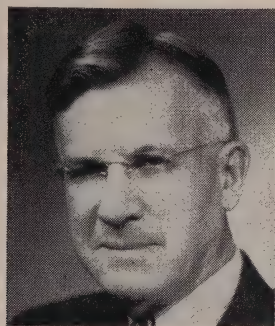
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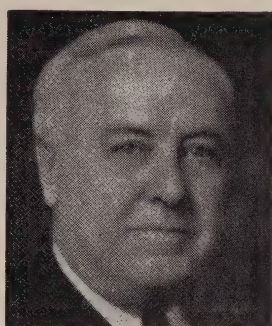
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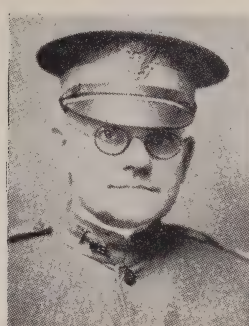
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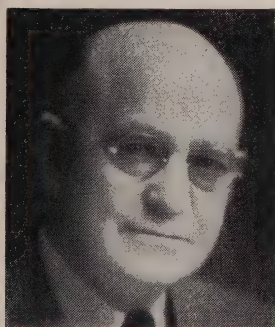
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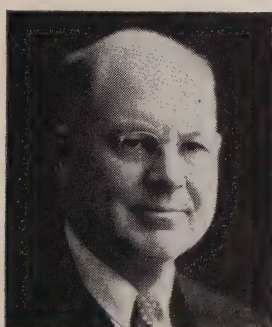
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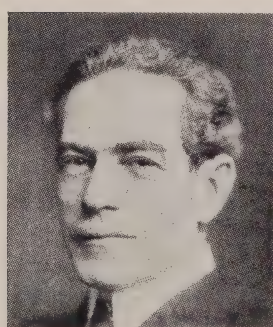
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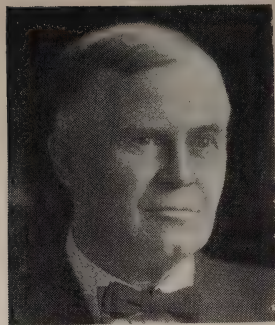


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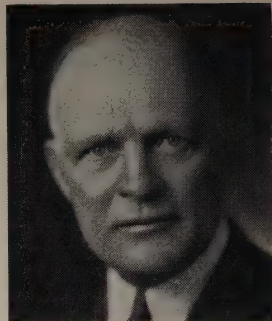
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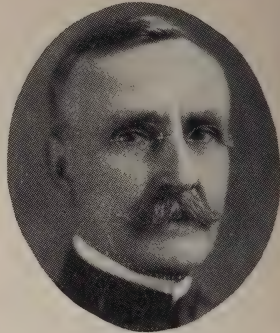
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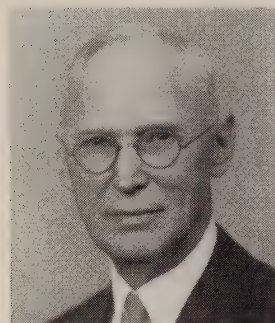
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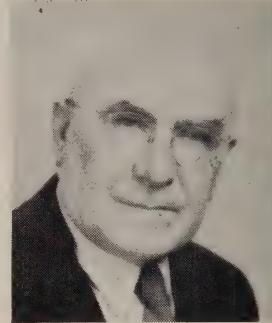
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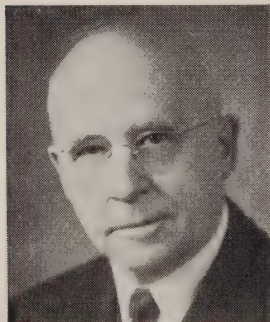
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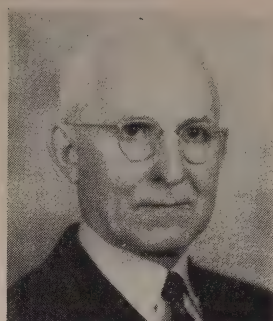
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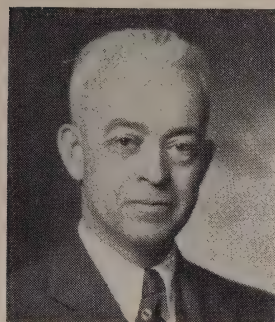
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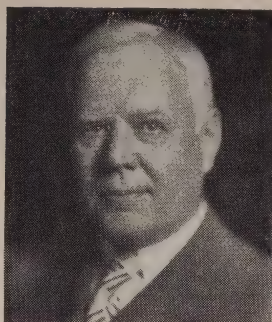
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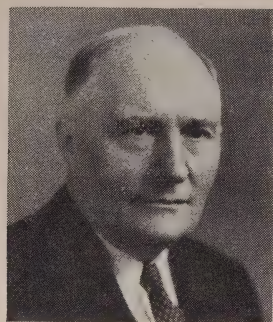
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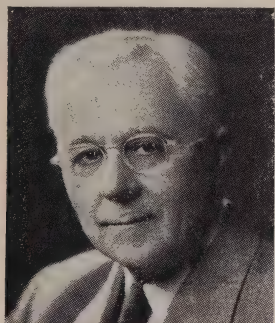
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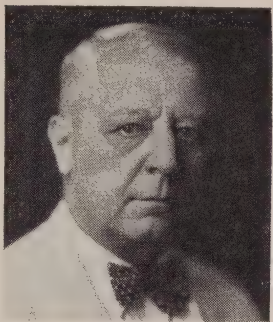
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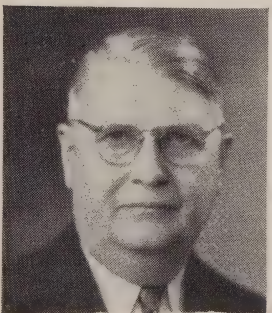
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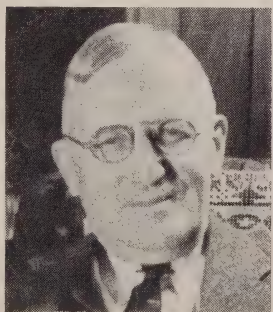
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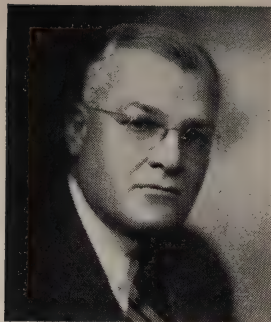


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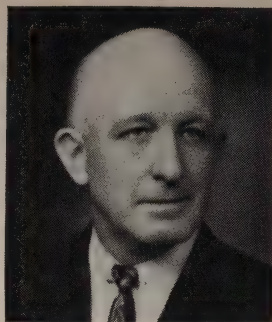


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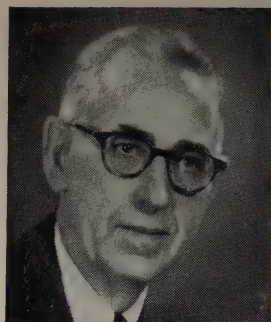
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MILITARY ROSTER

ACTIVE MEMBERS



COMMANDER WALTER D. ABBOTT, U.S.N.

Entered service September 24, 1942, as Lieut. Commander. Promoted to Commander July 10, 1945. Chief of Neurosurgery U.S. Navy Hospital, Oakland, California. New Zealand, Neurosurgeon in South Pacific; Russells, Guam, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Saipan, Tinian, Peleliu, U.S.S. Tyron, Great Lakes. Citations: 1st Division U.S. Marine, 81st Division U.S. Army on Peleliu.

Terminal leave expired December 30, 1945.



COLONEL NEVIN BOYD ANDERSON, A.U.S.

Entered service with 113th Cavalry January 13, 1941, as Lieut. Colonel. Promoted to Colonel April 5, 1944. Activated 51st Station Hospital. Through North Africa, Italy and France. Operated four R.A.M.P. hospitals at Leipzig. Legion of Merit Medal. Citations: Pre-Pearl Harbor, North Africa, Italy, France, Germany, Rhineland. Assigned to Adj. General Iowa National Guard for Committee in Reorganization of Iowa National Guard. Medical Advisor to Polk County Selective Service.

Terminal leave expired January 22, 1946.



CAPTAIN CHARLES A. ANGELL, A.U.S.

Entered service October 13, 1942. 69th Medical Regiment, Camp Maxey. Desert Maneuver Area. 138th Evacuation Hospital, Ft. Bragg, 116th General Hospital, Nuremberg, Germany.

Terminal leave expired April 16, 1946.



COLONEL ROYAL S. ANSPACH, A.U.S.

Entered service in 1941 as Major. 34th Division, Camp Claiborne, Flight Surgeon's School, McDill Field, Headquarters 1st Service Area Command. AAA Command in Naples, Italy. Citations: Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service in North Africa and Italy. Promoted to Colonel December 25, 1945.

Terminal leave expired January 25, 1946.

MILITARY ROSTER

ACTIVE MEMBERS



MAJOR BERNARD C. BARNES, A.U.S.

Entered service September 26, 1942. Stationed at Army Air Base Hill Field, Ogden, Utah, as Chief Surgical Service, Ogden Air Service Command. Chief surgery 60th General Hospital, Philippines. Awards: Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three battle stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

Terminal leave expired January 26, 1946.



LT. COL. JOHN L. BARNER, A.U.S.

Entered service February, 1941, entered active duty May, 1941, as first lieutenant, promoted to captain, then major, then lieutenant colonel. Assigned to Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia. Released from duty March, 1946. Honorable discharge, A.U.S., A.S.U. Army Commendation, October, 1948.



COMMANDER MAURICE T. BATES, U.S.N.

Entered service August 10, 1942, as Lieut. Commander. Promoted to Commander July 10, 1945. Staff, French Morocco, Casablanca, Naples, Italy. N.S. Navy Hospital, Corona, California. N.O.T.S. Inyokern, California.

Terminal leave expired February 27, 1946.



LT. COMMANDER THOMAS A. BOND, U.S.N.R.

Entered service August 29, 1942, as Lieut. (jg). U.S.N. Hospital Bethesda, Maryland, U.S.N. Dispensary, Quantico, Virginia; Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota; U.S.N. Hospital. Unit 3, Shoemaker, California; San Bruno, California; Treasure Island, San Francisco, California; Oak Knoll, Oakland, California; U.S.N.H., Great Lakes, Illinois. Terminal leave expired June 8, 1946.

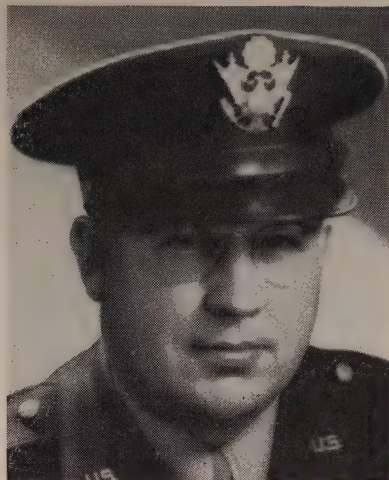
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ACTIVE MEMBERS



MAJOR HAROLD C. BONE, A.U.S.

Entered service October 12, 1942, as Captain. Promoted to Major July 17, 1944. Hoff General Hospital Station Hospital, Camp Anza, California. Terminal leave expired May 9, 1946.



MAJOR ADDISON W. BROWN, A.U.S.

Entered service September 18, 1942. Ft. Leavenworth Station Hospital, 226th Station Hospital, Thermal, California; Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota; 166th General Hospital, E.T.O., 49th Field Hospital, Lorient, France. Chief of general surgery, 166th General Hospital at LaHavre. Terminal leave expired January 4, 1946.



COL. FLOYD M. BURGESSON, M.C.

Entered service February 10, 1941, as a Captain. Promoted to Major August 22, 1945. Asst. Regt. Surgeon, 168th Infantry, North Africa. German P.O.W. from February 17, 1943, to January 21, 1945. In charge of P.O.W. Hospital at Oflag, 64, Germany, Army-Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs National Park. Citation: Bronze Star. Returned to State Control and attached to State Detachment January 14, 1946. Appointed Major, M.C., September 13, 1946, and Federally reassigned as Major, M.C., September 30, 1946, and assigned to Selective Service Section. Promoted



LIEUT. COLONEL JULIAN M. BRUNER, A.U.S.

Entered service September 23, 1942, as Major. Promoted December, 1945, to Lieutenant Colonel. Station Hospital, Fort Bliss, Texas; Regional Hospital, Camp Barkeley, Texas; William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas. Terminal leave expired January, 1947.

to Lieut. Colonel, M.C., effective April 28, 1949. Promoted to Colonel, M.C., June 24, 1953, and assigned as executive officer of Selective Service Section and Medical Advisor to the Adjutant General of Iowa.

Terminal leave expired January 29, 1946.

MILITARY ROSTER

ACTIVE MEMBERS



SQUADRON LEADER JOHN W. CALDWELL, R.C.A.F.

Entered service June 15, 1942, as Flight Lieutenant. Promoted to Squadron Leader January 1, 1945. No. 4 Training Command, Western Air Command, R.C.A.F. Station Hospital, Patricia Bay, B. C., Canada.

Terminal leave expired December 31, 1945.



MAJOR JAMES W. CHAMBERS, A.U.S.R.

Entered service September 2, 1942, as First Lieut. Promoted May 29, 1944, to Captain. Station Hospital, Ft. Riley, Kansas; Station Hospital, P.O.W., Concordia, Kansas, Chief of X-Ray, 57th Field Hospital in Scotland, France and Germany. Promoted to Major. Citations: Meritorious Service Plaque for Rhineland and Central European Campaigns.

Terminal leave expired March 7, 1946.



COMMANDER WILLIAM B. CHASE, JR., U.S.N.

Entered service September 17, 1942, as Lieut. Promoted July 10, 1945, to Lieut. Commander. Navy Air Station, Seattle, Washington. Lyon No. 1, Palo Alto Staging Center, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides, Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Washington. Promoted to Commander June 15, 1952.

Discharged December 31, 1945.



CAPTAIN HENRY H. CORN, A.U.S.

Entered service August 18, 1942, as First Lieutenant. Assigned to General Dispensary, U.S.A., St. Louis, Missouri; P. W. Camp, Douglas, Wyoming; A.S.F. Personnel Replacement Depot, Camp Beale, California; APO San Francisco

Terminal leave expired May 29, 1945.

MILITARY ROSTER

ACTIVE MEMBERS



MAJOR DANIEL W. COUGHLAN, A.U.S.

Entered service April 17, 1942, as a Captain. Promoted March 23, 1945, to Major. Station Hospital, Camp J. T. Robinson, Arkansas; Station Hospital, Camp Guber, Okla.; New York Port of Embarkation and North African Theater; Assistant Chief of Surgical Service, 69th General Hospital, China-Burma-India Theater.

Terminal leave expired April 24, 1946.



MAJOR RALPH DE CICCIO, A.U.S.

Entered service May 12, 1941, as Captain. Promoted in 1944 to Major. Harbor defenses of San Diego, Hawaiian Dept. and C.P.A.

Terminal leave expired March 12, 1946.



COMMANDER HENRY G. DECKER, U.S.N.

Entered service December, 1941, as Lieutenant. Promoted April, 1943, to Lieutenant Commander and October, 1945, to Commander. U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, California; U.S. Naval Hospital, Long Beach, California; U.S. Naval Base Hospital No. 20.

Terminal leave expired March 9, 1946.



LIEUT. COLONEL MILTON A. DUSHKIN, A.U.S.

Entered service on inactive duty November, 1940, as First Lieutenant. Entered active duty January 15, 1941; November, 1940, promoted to Captain; July, 1942, to Major and July, 1944, to Lieutenant Colonel. 5th Cavalry Regiment, 369th Infantry Regiment, China-Burma-India Seagrave Hospital Unit, China-Burma-India; Surgeon's Office, Northern Combat Area Command. Citations: Bronze Star Medal, Presidential, Merrill's Marauders.

Terminal leave expired December 3, 1945.

MILITARY ROSTER

ACTIVE MEMBERS



CAPTAIN OLIN A. ELLIOTT, A.U.S.

Entered service August 11, 1942, as First Lieutenant. Promoted August 12, 1943, to Captain. Army Air Base, Santa Ana, California; Army Air Base, Pecos, Texas; Army Air Base, La Junta, Colorado; Army Air Base, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Terminal leave expired February 11, 1946.



LIEUT. COLONEL WARREN L. FLECK, A.U.S.

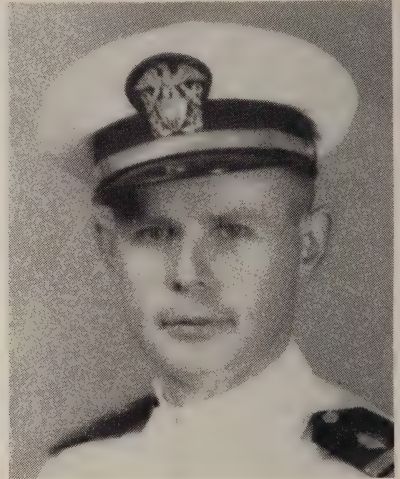
Taken into service from Manager of V.A. Hospital Ft. Howard, Maryland, September 14, 1944. Reassigned Manager V.A. Hospital, Ft. Howard, upon discharge from service March 16, 1946. Also veteran of World War I.



MAJOR HOWARD G. ELLIS, A.U.S.

Entered service September 18, 1942, as First Lieutenant. Promoted April 26, 1943, to Captain; December, 1945, to Major. Asiatic-Pacific Hdq. 5th Air Force, AAF Station Hospital, Casper, Wyoming; AAF Regional Station Hospital, Kearney, Nebraska; 49th Fighter Control, with task force at Leyte. Citations: Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with four battle stars, Philippine liberation ribbon with two bronze stars, two Presidential unit citations.

Terminal leave expired April 7, 1946.



COMMANDER EVERETT M. GEORGE, U.S.N.R.

Entered service February 3, 1941, as Lieutenant. Promoted October 1, 1942, to Lieutenant Commander. Promoted July 10, 1945, to Commander. U.S. Naval Recruiting Station, Des Moines. U.S. Naval Hospital, N.O.B., Norfolk, Virginia; U.S. Mobile Hospital No. 11; U.S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, California; First Provisional Field Hospital, U.S.N.; U.S.S. Clay; U.S. Fleet Hospital No. 111, Guam. On invasion of Saipan, June 15, 1944, Senior Medical Officer, Surface Battalion 9-14, U.S.N.R.T.C., Des Moines. Terminal leave expired February 22, 1946.

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ACTIVE MEMBERS



LIEUT. COLONEL DOUGLAS N. GIBSON, A.U.S.

Entered service June 19, 1943, as a Major. Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, October, 1945. Carlisle Barracks, Stark General Hospital, Rhoades General Hospital, Unit 237 Station Hospital, New Guinea and the Philippines. Citation: Bronze Star Medal.

Terminal leave expired January 27, 1946.



CAPTAIN DANIEL A. GLOMSET, A.U.S.

Entered service August 24, 1943, as a First Lieutenant. Promoted March 13, 1944, to Captain. Chief Gastroenterology Service, 182nd General Hospital, Derbyshire, England, E.T.O.

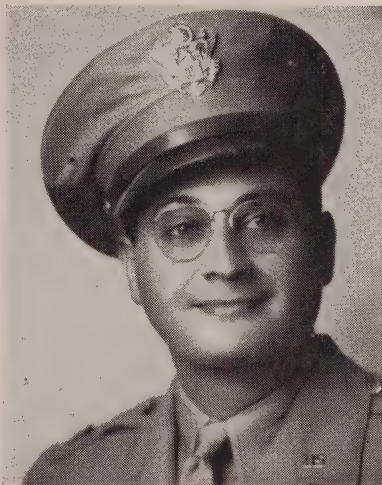
Terminal leave expired June 1, 1946.



CAPTAIN LOUIS GOLDBERG, A.U.S.

Entered service July 29, 1942, as First Lieutenant. Promoted January, 1944, to Captain. Ferry Command, California; B.T.C. No. 10, North Carolina; Eastern Training Command, Mississippi. School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas, 2nd Emergency Rescue Squadron Flight Surgeon. Citations: Letter of Commendation, Air Medal with five clusters, three battle stars.

Terminal leave expired March 20, 1946.



MAJOR ARNOLD M. GORDON, A.U.S.

Entered service August 31, 1942. Activated with 54th Station Hospital, Fort Ord, California; 54th Station Hospital in Africa; 171st Evacuation Hospital in Italy; 45th General Hospital in Italy.

Terminal leave expired April 2, 1946.

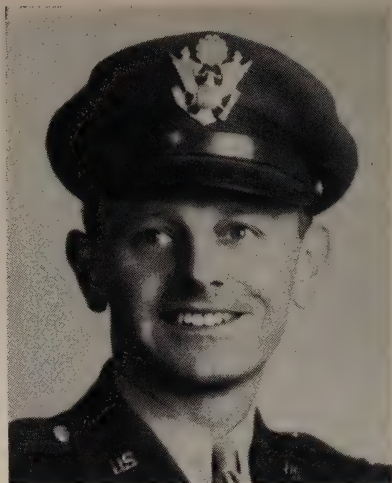
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CAPTAIN LEWIS M. GREEK, A.U.S.

Entered service September 9, 1942, as First Lieutenant. Promoted to Captain. Assigned to the 40th Engineer Regiment, Camp Crowder, Missouri; served overseas with 40th Engineer Combat Regiment.



MAJOR HENRY H. GURAU, A.U.S.

Entered service July 28, 1942, as First Lieutenant. Promoted to Captain April 14, 1944; Major, May 11, 1946. Flight Surgeon A.A.B., Portland, Oregon; Randolph Field, Texas; A.A.B., Santa Ana, California; A.A.F., Malden, Missouri; Bergstrom Field, Austin, Texas.

Terminal leave expired May 11, 1946.



CAPTAIN DIEDRICH J. HAINES, A.U.S.

Entered service August 3, 1942, as First Lieutenant. Promoted June 15, 1943, to Captain. Fitzsimmons General Hospital, 637th Tank Destroyer Battalion in Southwest Pacific.

Terminal leave expired January 27, 1946.



CAPTAIN AUDRA D. JAMES, U.S.N.

Entered service March 10, 1941, as Lieutenant Commander. Promoted January 27, 1943, to Commander. Promoted March 10, 1945, to Captain. U.S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Illinois; U.S.S. Tangier; U.S. Naval Hospital, Medical Director, Ft. Eustis, Virginia; Medical Officer in command of U.S.N.R. Medical Division 9-2 since its organization.

Terminal leave expired November 26, 1945.

MILITARY ROSTER

ACTIVE MEMBERS



COLONEL CHARLES H. JOHNSTON, A.U.S.

Entered service December 12, 1940, as Captain. Promoted March 19, 1942, to Major, December 2, 1942, to Lieutenant Colonel, and Colonel June 26, 1945, E.T.O. in Ireland and England. 8th Air Force Composite Command. School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas. Base Surgeon, Geiger Field, Spokane, Washington. Citations: Certificate of Merit, E.T.O.



MAJOR DONALD H. KAST, A.U.S.

Entered service Sept. 2, 1942. Ft. Douglas, Utah. Assistant Chief Surgical Service, Ft. Stevens, Oregon; Surgeon 747 M.P. Battalion; Surgeon Los Angeles Military Police, Southern Security District; Chief of the Surgical Service, Station Hospital, Ft. Stevens, Oregon; Post Surgeon of the Harbor Defenses of the Columbia Headquarters at Ft. Stevens, Oregon. Terminal leave expired March 21, 1946.



COMMANDER EDMUND J. KELLEY, U.S.N.

Entered service October 2, 1942, as Lieutenant Commander. Promoted July 10, 1945, to Commander. U.S. Naval Hospital, Treasure Island; U. S. Navy Training Unit V-12, Marshall, Missouri; U.S.N. Training School, Columbus, Ohio; U.S.N. Recruiting and Induction, Columbus, Ohio; U.S.N. Medical and Dental V-12, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Terminal leave expired February 20, 1946.



LIEUT. COLONEL DENNIS H. KELLY, A.U.S.

Entered service August 12, 1942, as Major. Promoted February 16, 1943, to Lieutenant Colonel. Executive Officer Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado. Terminal leave expired May 26, 1945.

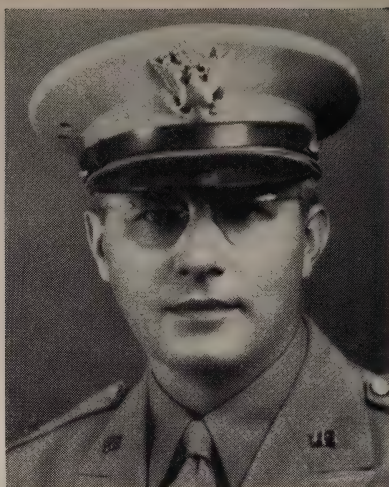
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LIEUT. COMMANDER WALTER KIRCH, U.S.N.

Entered service August 20, 1944. U.S. Naval Hospital, Seattle, Washington, Chief of E.E.N.T. Section, U.S. Naval Hospital, Astoria, Oregon. Terminal leave expired August 21, 1946.



CAPTAIN ELMER E. KOTTKE, A.U.S.

Entered service September 1, 1942, as First Lieutenant. Promoted March, 1943, to Captain. Fitzsimmons General Hospital, McCloskey General Hospital. Now practicing in West Los Angeles, California.

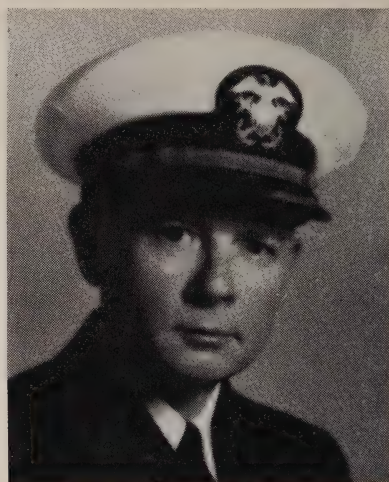
Terminal leave expired November, 1944.



LIEUT. COLONEL EMERY W. LEHMAN, A.U.S.

Entered service August 27, 1942, as Major. Assigned to Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver, Washington; Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee; ASF PRD Camp Beale, California; 27th General Hospital on Guadalcanal, Australia; New Guinea, Morotai Islands, Admiralty Islands, Northern and Southern Luzon and Manila. Citations: Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Service Gold Wreath, three combat stars—two New Guinea, one Philippines, Commanding Officer of the 908th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital O.R. Fifth Army 1946-1950. Also a veteran of World War I.

Terminal leave expired February 4, 1946.



COMMANDER E. PARISH LOVEJOY, U.S.N.R.

Entered service October 12, 1942, as Lieutenant Commander. Promoted September 22, 1945, to Commander. U.S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, California; Base Hospital No. 15, Pacific Theater.

Terminal leave expired January 8, 1946.

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COMMANDER GEORGE S. MARQUIS, U.S.N.R.

Entered service August 10, 1942, as Lieutenant Commander, later promoted to Commander. U.S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois, as Ophthalmologist at Main Dispensary; Office of Naval Procurement, Chicago, Illinois; Assistant Medical Executive Officer and Senior Medical Officer U. S. Navy Yard, Brooklyn, New York; Ophthalmologist at Main Dispensary at Brooklyn Navy Yard and later at the Naval Hospital in Brooklyn, New York.

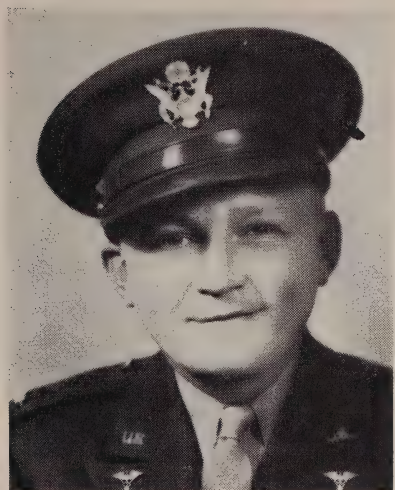
Terminal leave expired February 27, 1946.



LIEUT. COMMANDER JOHN H. MATHESON, U.S.N.

Entered service August 28, 1944. Stationed at the U.S. Naval Hospital, San Leandro, California; 12th Naval District, San Francisco, California; U.S.S. Sanctuary; U.S.S. Repose, FPO, San Francisco, California.

Released June 25, 1946.



MAJOR EMERY L. MAURITZ, A.U.S.

Entered service August 29, 1942, as First Lieutenant. Promoted September 3, 1943, to Captain, later promoted to Major. Assigned to the 57th Station Hospital serving with that unit in Africa. Service award for service between January 1, 1944, and November 1, 1944.

Terminal leave expired March 1, 1946.



CAPTAIN HAROLD J. MCCOY, U.S.N.R.

Entered service December 13, 1941, as Lieutenant Commander. U.S. Naval Hospital San Diego, California, April 19, 1942. Transferred to U.S. Naval Pre-Flight School, Iowa City, Iowa, March, 1944. Patient, U.S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Terminal leave expired July 1, 1946.

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ACTIVE MEMBERS



MAJOR DONALD J. McDONALD, A.U.S.

Entered service September 2, 1942, as Captain. Assigned to March Field, California; Camp Pinedale, California; Fifth Auxiliary Surgical Group, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Fifth Auxiliary Surgical Group, APO, New York.



COMMANDER JESSE H. MCNAMEE, U.S.N.

Entered service September 24, 1942, as Lieutenant Commander. Promoted to Commander, U.S. Naval Hospital, Seattle, Washington, Lion No. 4, U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California; Amphibious Force, Pacific; Naval Air Base Navy No. 3237, Pacific.

Terminal leave expired January 28, 1946.



COLONEL BYRON M. MERKEL, U.S.A.F.(MC)

Original Commission June 1, 1931, O.R.C. Transferred to Iowa National Guard January 15, 1953. Active duty: (WWII) Entered Federal service with Iowa National Guard September 15, 1941. Sherman Field, Missouri; Houston Texas; Birmingham, Alabama; Tullahoma, Tennessee; Colorado Springs, Colorado; European Theater (Africa, Italy, France); Buckley Field, Denver, Colorado. Citations: American Defense Service Medal, European, African, Middle Eastern Theater Medal with five Bronze Battle Stars. Designated Flight Surgeon 1942. Released from active duty April 1, 1946. Rank, Lieutenant Colonel.

Recalled to active duty with Iowa Air National Guard April 1, 1951. Hospital Commander, Dow A.F. Base, Bangor, Maine; Deputy Surgeon (air)



CAPTAIN R. PAUL MORDEN, A.U.S.

Entered service July 30, 1942, as First Lieutenant. Promoted December, 1943, to Captain. Stationed in England with 844th Engineer Aviation Battalion from June 30, 1943, until his death May 18, 1945, resulting from a subarachnoid hemorrhage. He is buried in the American Military Cemetery at Cambridge, England.

for Exercise Longhorn, Ft. Hood, Texas. Hospital Commander, Donaldson A.F. Base, Greenville, South Carolina. Released from active duty January 1, 1953. Rated Aircraft Observer (Medical) 1952. Rank: Colonel.

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LIEUT. COMMANDER JAMES H. MURPHY, U.S.N.

Entered service October 1, 1942, as Lieutenant (SG). U. S. Naval Training Station, San Diego, California. U. S. Marine Corps Depot of Supply, Barstow, California; Field Medical School, Camp Pendleton, California; Camp Elliott Dispensary, San Diego, California; First Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force. Awards: Asiatic-Pacific Theatre of Operation ribbon with two bronze battle stars for the invasions of Peleliu of the Palau group and of Okinawa Shima of the Ryukyu Rhetto.

Terminal leave expired August 2, 1945.



LIEUT. COMMANDER LOUIS J. NOUN, U.S.N.R.

Entered service August, 1942, as Lieutenant (JG). Promoted to Lieutenant (SG) October 1, 1943, and Lieutenant Commander October 3, 1945. Stationed at Great Lakes, Illinois; Balboa, Canal Zone; Camp Peary, Virginia; U.S. Naval Hospital, Newport, Rhode Island.

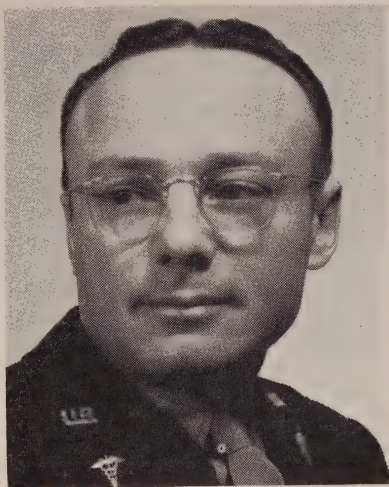
Terminal leave expired February 14, 1946.



LIEUT. COLONEL ARNOLD NELSON, A.U.S.

Entered service September 10, 1942, as Captain. Promoted November 23, 1943, to Major, promoted to Lieutenant Colonel April 4, 1946. Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Station Hospital, Chief of Surgical Service, Camp Livingston, Louisiana; Station Hospital, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Fort Devins.

Terminal leave expires April 18, 1946.



LIEUT. COLONEL MAURICE H. NOUN, A.U.S.

Entered service October, 1942, as Major. Promoted October 29, 1945, to Lieutenant Colonel. Stationed at Fitzsimmons General Hospital; Headquarters S.O.S. England; Regional Dermatologic Consultant Eastern Base Section, England; Chief Dermatologist 30th General Hospital in England, France and Belgium. Awards: European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon; 5 o/s Bars; Bronze Service Stars for battle participation in Normandy, Northern France and Rhineland Campaigns.

Terminal leave expired January 26, 1946.

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ACTIVE MEMBERS



LIEUT. COMMANDER LEWIS M. OVERTON, U.S.N.

Entered service May 11, 1945. Stationed at Great Lakes, Illinois. Chief of Surgical Service and Head of Section in Orthopedic Surgery in Fleet Hospital, U. S. Navy.

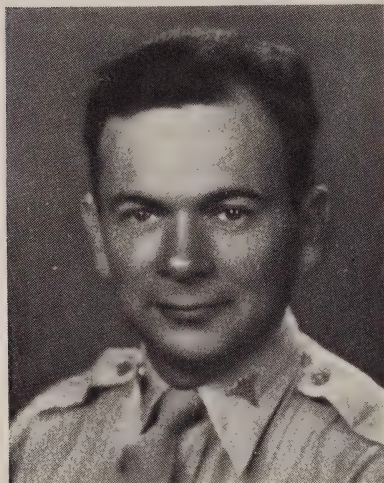
Terminal leave expired May, 1946.



MAJOR CONAN J. PEISEN, A.U.S.

Entered service September 30, 1942, as First Lieutenant. Fort Hayes, Ohio; Reception Center, Camp Perry, Ohio; 40th General Hospital in England and France. Citations: Unit citation of 40th General Hospital.

Terminal leave expired March 29, 1946.



MAJOR EUGENE C. PENN, A.U.S.

Entered service September 2, 1942, as First Lieutenant. Promoted December 22, 1943, to Captain and January, 1946, to Major. Stationed at Geiger Field, Spokane, Washington; School of Aviation Medicine, Fairmont A.A.B.; Casper A.A.B.; Mediterranean Theatre of Operations with 327th Ferrying Squadron, 310th Bomb Group, 350th Fighter Group. Medal: Air Medal in Italy.

Terminal leave expired January 28, 1946.



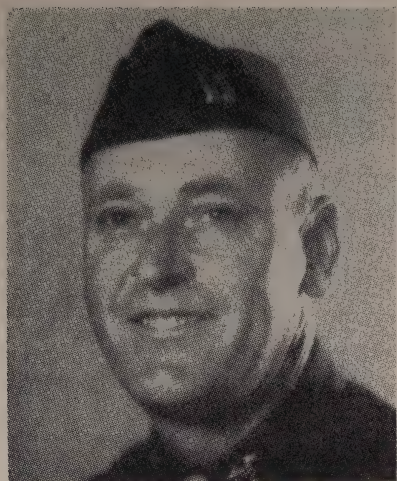
MAJOR LEO R. PEARLMAN, A.U.S.

Entered service February 1, 1941, as First Lieutenant. Promoted December 24, 1941, to Captain and June 5, 1943, to Major. Stationed with 53rd Infantry, Fort Ord, California, and Ogden, Utah; 179th Station Hospital, Adak, Alaska; 140th Evacuation Hospital, Camp Gruber, Oklahoma; Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan; William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas. Awards: One Bronze Service Star for Aleutian Campaign.

Terminal leave expired January 2, 1946.

MILITARY ROSTER

ACTIVE MEMBERS



MAJOR ERIC P. PFEIFFER, A.U.S.

Entered service October 12, 1942, as Captain. Promoted to Major March 4, 1945. Stationed at O'Reilly General Hospital, Headquarters U.S.A. F.F.E.; Advanced Echelon, O'Reilly General Hospital. Citations: Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon with three campaign stars, Philippine Liberation with one campaign star, Unit citation with two Oak Leaf clusters.

Terminal leave expired January 4, 1946.



MAJOR ROBERT J. PORTER, A.U.S.

Entered Service September 22, 1942, as First Lieutenant. Promoted July, 1943, to Captain; January, 1945, to Major. Stationed 18th Replacement Wing, 2nd Air Force, Salt Lake City, Utah; 24th Bomber Squadron, Army Base Hospital, Salina, Kansas; 393rd Bomb Group, Wendover Field, Utah, and Kearney A.A. Base, Nebraska; Station Hospital, Sioux City Army Air Base, Iowa; 403rd Air Depot, England; Station Compl. Squad BAD No. 3, Ireland; 55th Field Hospital BAD No. 1, England.

Terminal leave expired March 27, 1946.



CAPTAIN LESTER D. POWELL, U.S.N.

Entered service December 13, 1941, as Commander. Promoted to Captain June, 1943. U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, California; Chief of Surgery U. S. Naval Hospital, Long Beach, California; U.S. Naval Hospital, Camp Pendleton, Santa Margarita Ranch, California; Base Hospital No. 8, Navy 128, Pearl Harbor.

Terminal leave expired February 20, 1946.



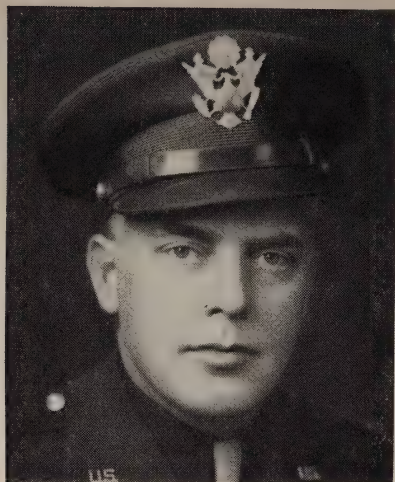
LIEUT. COMMANDER ALLAN B. PHILLIPS, U.S.N.

Entered service March 13, 1942, as Lieutenant (JG). Promoted October 1, 1942, to Lieutenant (SG). Promoted to Lt. Commander July, 1945. Stationed at U.S. Naval Hospital, Corpus Christi, Texas; U.S. Naval Hospital, Corona, California; U.S.N.A.B.P.D., San Bruno, California; Command Service Force Pacific Fleet.

Terminal leave expired March 16, 1946

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ACTIVE MEMBERS



LIEUT. COLONEL JOSEPH B. PRIESTLEY, A.U.S.
Entered service September 3, 1942, as Major. Station Hospital, Camp Carson, Colorado; Chief of Surgery at Station Hospital, Camp Phillips, Kansas; A.S.F. Regional Hospital, Camp Crowder, Missouri; 20th General Hospital Unit, Ledo, India.
Terminal leave expired March 20, 1946.



MAJOR VAN C. ROBINSON, A.U.S.
Entered service November 9, 1942, as Captain. Stationed with Air Corps, Drew Field, Tampa, Florida; Clearwater Beach, Florida; Rochester, Minnesota; Army Air Force Station Hospital, Gulfport, Mississippi.
Terminal leave expired January 25, 1946.



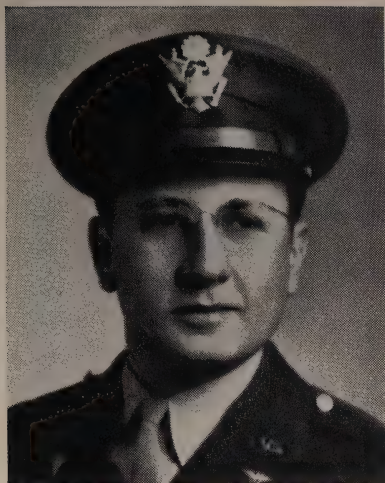
MAJOR WILLIAM O. PURDY, A.U.S.
Entered Military Service August 25, 1942, with a rank of Captain at Camp Livingston, Louisiana. Saw service in Camp Howze, Texas, Fort Sam Houston, Texas and 170th General Hospital, APO New York. Served for thirteen months in this hospital at various stations in France. Was released from service June 9, 1946, at Billings General Hospital, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. Major portion of service was spent in the medical service in station or general hospitals. Received one Bronze Star for campaign in northern France.
Terminal leave expired January 9, 1946.



LIEUT. COLONEL RALPH H. RIEGELMAN, U.S.A.A.F.R.
Entered service December 12, 1940, as First Lieutenant. Promoted to Captain February 1, 1942; Major October, 1942; Lieutenant Colonel in Air Corp Reserve, Camp Robinson, Carlisle Barracks Medical School, Camp Grant, Illinois; Barksdale Field, Louisiana; Randolph Field, Texas; Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma; Headquarters 44th Bomb Group in England and Africa. Citations: Bronze star medal, American Defense, European Middle East Theatre, nine battle stars. Unit Citation with three clusters.
Terminal leave expired Dec. 21, 1945.

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ACTIVE MEMBERS



CAPTAIN MAURICE J. ROTKOW, A.U.S.

Entered service October 15, 1942, as First Lieutenant. Promoted December 28, 1943, to Captain. William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas; Nichols General Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky; Billings General Hospital, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana; Wakeman Hospital Center, Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

Terminal leave expired February 6, 1946



LIEUT. COMMANDER VERNE L. SCHLASER, U.S.N.

Entered service May 23, 1942, as Lieutenant (JG). Promoted March 1, 1943, to Lieutenant U.S.N.R., May, 1943, to Lieutenant U.S.N. June, 1943, received wings as Marine Paratrooper; 1945, Lieutenant Commander. N.A.T.T.C., Chicago, Illinois; Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland; First Paratroop Regiment F.M.F., Solomon Islands; First Engineer Battalion F.M.F., Solomon and Mariana Islands; Naval Air Station, Hutchinson, Kansas; Hospital Corps School, Portsmouth, Virginia; U.S.S. Oregon City, U.S.S. Vulcan. Citations - Battle Commendation of Guadalcanal, Battalion Commendation on Tinian.

Discharged August 30, 1947.



P.A. SURG. JAMES A. SKULTETY, U.S.P.H.S.

Entered service September 13, 1943, as Assistant Surgeon. Promoted May 1944, to P.A. Surgeon. U.S.C.G.-C.O.T.P., Brownsville, Texas; District Medical Office U. S. Coast Guard, New Orleans, Louisiana; U.S.S. General H. L. Scott. Terminal leave expired May 25, 1946.



CAPTAIN RALPH W. SNODGRASS, A.U.S.

Entered service August 31, 1942. Stationed at Fort Rosecrans, California; Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota; 34th Portable Hospital. Reported Missing in Action July 2, 1944, in India Ocean enroute to Asiatic Area on the Jean Nicolet. Declared officially dead as of November 18, 1946.

MILITARY ROSTER

ACTIVE MEMBERS



MAJOR HOWARD H. SMEAD, A.U.S.R.

Entered service July 20, 1941, as First Lieutenant. Promoted to Captain February 22, 1943; promoted to Major Officers Reserve Corps January 6, 1947. Sheppard Field, Texas; Dow Field, Maine; School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas; European Theater of Operations with the 386th Fighter Squadron and the 365th Fighter Group in England, France, Belgium, Germany. Citations: Presidential Citation with Oak Leaf Cluster, European Theater Ribbon with six battle stars.

Terminal leave expired February, 1946.



COMMANDER HERMAN J. SMITH, U.S.N.

Entered service September 22, 1942, as Lieutenant. Promoted August 1, 1945, to Lieutenant Commander. Promoted to Commander January 1, 1951. Marine Base, San Diego, California; Fleet Marine Force, Guadalcanal, Tarawa and Saipan; U.S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Illinois. Citations: Letter of Commendation, Presidential Unit Citation with two clusters. Asiatic-Pacific Theater ribbon with three battle stars.

Terminal leave expired March 7, 1946, recalled to active duty August 7, 1950, released to inactive duty February 19, 1951.



MAJOR GLEN E. SNYDER, A.U.S.

Entered service April 15, 1941, as First Lieutenant. Promoted December 6, 1941, to Captain and December 16, 1942, to Major. Camp Robinson, Arkansas; Spadra, California; 39th Station Hospital at Sheppard Field, Texas; South Pacific, Central Pacific; Mayo General Hospital, Galesburg, Illinois. Practicing now in Deer Park, Washington.



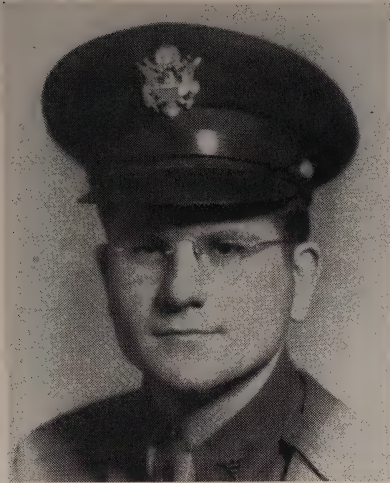
COMMANDER FLOYD A. SPRINGER, U.S.N.R.

Entered service August 4, 1942, as Lieutenant Commander, later promoted to Commander. Commanding Officer of Navy Volunteer Medical Unit 9-6. Stationed at U.S. Naval Hospital, Treasure Island; Fleet Hospital No. 114; Samar, Philippine Islands.

Terminal leave expired February 9, 1946.

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CAPTAIN ROLAND T. SMITH, A.U.S.

Entered service October 5, 1942, as First Lieutenant. Promoted March 5, 1943, to Captain. Station Hospital, Key Field; School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas; Flight Surgeon, Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma; 66th Troop Carrier Squadron at Nadzab, New Guinea, Biak, Dutch East Indies, Mindoro, Philippines, Morotai, Dutch East Indies, Dulag, Leyte, Philippines, Brisland, Australia, Aitape, New Guinea, 13th Station Hospital, Mindoro, Philippines. Pacific Service Ribbon with six battle stars.



COMMANDER HERBERT A. SOHM, U.S.N.

Entered service September 7, 1942, as Lieutenant Commander. Promoted September 10, 1945, to Commander. Marine Base, San Diego; South America Transport SMO; 24th Marines, Camp Pendleton; Area Corps Inspector as Staff Officer for Major General Holland Smith; 24th Marines; Regimental Surgeon, 4th Division. Wounded at Namur January, 1944, and again at Saipan June, 1944. Citations: Presidential Citation, Purple Heart with Gold Star and Navy Letter of Commendation.

Terminal leave expired March 31, 1946.



SENIOR SURG. REGNOR M. SORENSEN, U.S.P.H.S.

Entered service October 1, 1942, as surgeon. Stationed with Kansas State Department of Health, on V.D. Control; October 1, 1942, to April 1, 1946. April 1, 1946 to September 20, 1946, assigned to Iowa State Department of Health as V.D. Control Officer.

Relieved from active duty September 20, 1946.



MAJOR J. FRED THROCKMORTON, A.U.S.

Entered service September 2, 1942, as Captain. Promoted to Major. Camp Berkeley, Texas; 333rd Infantry, Camp Howze, Texas; 100th Evacuation Hospital; 9th Army in England, Normandy, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Citations: Bronze Star Medal. European Theater of Operations with four battle stars.

Terminal leave expired December 18, 1945.

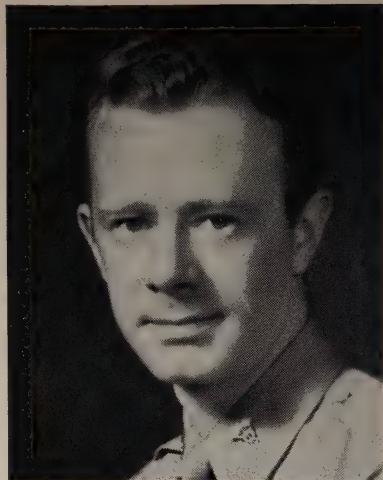
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ACTIVE MEMBERS



MAJOR ABRAHAM A. TOUBES, A.U.S.

Entered service June 2, 1942, as First Lieutenant, U.S. Army Air Force, Greenville, Mississippi; 754th and 765th Chemical Depot Company Aviation in U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe. Terminal leave expired April 25, 1946.



CAPTAIN HOWARD V. TURNER, A.U.S.

Entered service April 29, 1942, as First Lieutenant. Promoted October 26, 1943, to Captain. Assigned to the 8th Service Command. Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas; Camp Fannin, Tyler, Texas; Brooks General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas.

Terminal leave expired June 25, 1946.



LIEUT. COLONEL LAWRENCE A. VAN HALE, A.U.S.

Entered service November 20, 1942, as First Lieutenant. Promoted July 5, 1943, to Captain; August 1, 1944, to Major; and finally to Lieut. Colonel. Doshon General Hospital, Butler, Pennsylvania; 93rd General Hospital, Fort Meade, Maryland; Chief of Surgical Service, 93rd General Hospital in European Theater of Operations. Terminal leave expired October 26, 1946.



MAJOR EUGENE C. WAGNER, A.U.S.

Entered service August, 1942, as First Lieutenant. Promoted September, 1943, to Captain, and May 11, 1946, to Major. Walter Reed Hospital, 8th Service Command Lab., Fort Sam Houston, Texas; 60th General Hospital in New Guinea and Manila.

Terminal leave expired May 11, 1946.

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MAJOR WENDELL M. WILLETT, A.U.S.

Entered service April 28, 1942, as First Lieutenant. Promoted October 26, 1943, to Captain, and finally to Major. Station Hospital, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; 314th Station Hospital; 56th General Hospital; 254th General Hospital. Awards: Campaign stars for Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Ardennes. Practicing in Washington, D. C.

Terminal leave expired.



**LIEUT. COMMANDER DWIGHT C. WIRTZ,
U.S.N.R.**

Entered service December 7, 1942. Stationed at U.S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Illinois. U. S. Mobile Hospital No. 12; U. S. Naval Hospital, Treasure Island, California; Cub 15 G4 Hospital Unit, U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California; G4, Company 6 Hospital Unit, Philippines.

Terminal leave expired March 12, 1946.



LIEUT. COLONEL LINDSAY J. ERVIN, A.U.S.

Entered service January 13, 1941, as First Lieutenant. Assigned to 113th Cavalry, Camp Bowie; School of Aviation Medicine, Randolph Field, Texas; Fort Clark, Texas; Foster Field, Victoria, Texas.



MAJOR BRYCE A. STEARNS, A.U.S.

Entered service October 14, 1940, as First Lieutenant. Promoted January 18, 1942, to Captain; July 28, 1942, to Major. Station Hospital, Fort Meade, South Dakota; Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado.

LIEUT. FREDERICK O. GRAEBER, U.S.N.

Entered service April, 1942. Assigned to Navy base in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Dispensary, Navy 135, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco. On inactive status.



MAJOR CLAUDE S. MUMMA, A.U.S.

Veterans Administration Facilities, Los Angeles, California.



CAPTAIN ELLIS K. VAUBEL, A.U.S.

Entered service October 28, 1940, as First Lieutenant. Promoted January 16, 1942, to Captain. Stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia; Army Medical School, Washington, D. C.; Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia; Barnes General Hospital, Vancouver, Washington; Army Medical School, Washington, D. C. Now practicing in Estherville, Iowa.

Terminal leave expired December 28, 1945.

MILITARY ROSTER

Medical officers newly elected to membership or in process of affiliation at cessation of hostilities.

LIEUT. COMMANDER JOHN BAKODY, U.S.N.

Entered service in March, 1942, as Lieutenant (JG). Stationed at Great Lakes Naval Hospital; with C. B.'s in Newfoundland; Department of Neuro Surgery, Great Lakes.

Terminal leave expired May 17, 1946.

CAPTAIN PAUL CHESTNUT, A.U.S.

Entered service October 14, 1942 as First Lieut., Fort Lewis, Washington, Portland, Oregon, Salem, Oregon, Camp Gauber, Oklahoma, European Theatre of Operations in France, Germany and Austria. European Theatre Ribbon with two battle stars.

Terminal leave expired March 20, 1946.

LIEUT. COLONEL ROBERT A. CULBERTSON, A.U.S.

Entered service December 24, 1940. Camp Robinson, Arkansas; Fort Des Moines; Indian Town Gap; Washington, D. C.; Fort Meade; Hammond General Hospital, California; Fort Knox, Camp Campbell, Kansas; Camp Barkley, Texas; Scofield Barracks, Wahoo, Okinawa Awards: Battle star for Ryukyus Campaign.

Terminal leave expired July 16, 1946.

LIEUT. COMMANDER E. A. FULLGRABE, U.S.N.

Entered service October 1, 1942, as a Lieutenant (JG). Promoted to Lieutenant (SG) and then to Lieutenant Commander. U. S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda; Naval Hospital, San Diego; Pathology Laboratory, Oran; Algeria Naval Hospital. Letter of Commendation and Ribbon for work in curtailing bubonic plague.

Terminal leave expired January 7, 1946.

MAJOR LEON J. GALINSKY, A.U.S.

Entered service May 16, 1942, as Captain. Promoted to Major. Stationed at Camp Crowder; 198th Station Hospital, Decca, India.

Terminal leave expired May 2, 1946.

MAJOR JOHN HESS, JR., A.U.S.

Entered service June 29, 1942, as First Lieutenant. Promoted later to Captain and then Major. Camp Anderberry, Indiana; Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Camp Forrest, Tennessee; Camp Brackenridge, Kansas; England, France, Belgium, Luxemburg and Berlin, Germany. Citations: Bronze Arrow Head and European Theatre ribbon with three battle stars.

Terminal leave expired March 26, 1946.

LIEUT. COLONEL L. M. MAGUIRE, A.U.S.

Entered service August 29, 1942. Stationed at V.A.F., Minneapolis; V.A.F., Portland, Oregon; Chief Medical Officer V.A.F., Des Moines, Iowa.

LIEUT. COLONEL HERBERT C. MERILLAT, A.U.S.

Entered service March 1, 1941, as First Lieutenant. McCord Field, Washington; maneuvers in Louisiana; Pendleton Field, Oregon; opened Station Hospital, Army Air Field, Topeka, Kansas; C. O. Army Air Force Regional Hospital.

Terminal leave expired April 14, 1946.

CAPTAIN VICTOR K. NAKASHIMA, A.U.S.

Entered service October 11, 1941, as First Lieutenant. Camp Chaffee, Arkansas; India; 181st General Hospital, Oran, North Africa. Citations: Theater ribbons for North Africa and China-Burma-India with one star.

Terminal leave expired January 26, 1946.

MAJOR HAROLD J. PEGGS, A.U.S.

Entered service August 22, 1941, as First Lieutenant. Promoted to Captain and then Major. Hammer Field, Utah; Randolph Field, Texas; Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma; Carolinas in maneuvers; 49th Fighter Squadron, New Guinea, Netherland Indies.

Terminal leave expired November 30, 1945.

CAPTAIN ELMER B. PRATT, A.U.S.

Entered service February 10, 1941, as First Lieutenant. Served with 168th Infantry, Camp Claiborne, Louisiana; Fredericksburg, Virginia; Camp A. P. Hill, Bowling Green, Virginia.

Terminal leave expired October, 1945.

LIEUT. COLONEL LOYD K. SHEPHERD, A.U.S.

Entered service February 10, 1941. Camp Claiborne, Louisiana; Fort Dix; Ireland, Africa and Italy. Citations: Presidential Unit Citation and Bronze Star Medal; Theatre Ribbons for North Africa and Italy with four battle stars.

Terminal leave expired March 8, 1946.

LIEUT. COMMANDER JOE M. STANDEFER, U.S.N.

Entered service June 30, 1942, as Lieutenant (SG). Naval Hospital, San Diego; Solomon Islands and Recruiting Station, Des Moines.

Terminal leave expires July 26, 1946.

MILITARY ROSTER

The following Interns and Resident Physicians of local hospitals entered military service after completing their hospital appointments.

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| Ray C. Ameen, M.D. | Broadlawns | Navy | 9-1-45 |
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